

# P.R.R. newsletter October – December 2020

*“Surely this is our God...”*

Dear friends,

Another year together comes to an end. Here we'll share facts and pictures, but most importantly our hearts. The Lord has helped us so far, despite the global and local situations. We felt the prayers of those who interceded for all of us, and as a project we saw financial, material and practical support coming on time. We admit this is the only way we could have made it. When things were at their worst, wonderful surprises helped us pray Isaiah's words, *LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm, and a shade from the heat. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.” Isaiah 25:1,4,8,9*



The last few months of the year went really fast. Although our residential children spent these three months mostly indoors, they had many memorable moments like those in the pictures included here. October and November were very intense school-wise, and health education and information sessions on topics of wide interest were added to that. Outings to medical and dental check-ups and visitors were extremely rare, but everyone in the homes was connected and motivated.



December began with our National Day, the first snowy day, and we celebrated Saint Nicholas, when the children recalled the story of the Saint and received presents from him. Decorating each house for this holiday season was an event in itself with lots of fun and recreation – they say this decorating activity banishes depression and tension accumulated over periods spent indoors....



We threw birthday parties for four of our children, held separately in each home, as we tried to observe the regulations due to Covid. The celebrated child received virtual wishes from the children in the other home, thanks to modern technology 😊.





**Staff** – Although we continued to be seriously challenged as a team during these three months (especially at Casa Anna this time), we could feel God’s hand upon us all the time. Madi, from the Casa Anna staff, resigned with great regret because of health issues. Flori underwent knee surgery and had to take three-week medical leave. Nuti finally managed to take her annual leave. Carmen was quarantined for two weeks, and Marcel had to take care of his four children, as his wife and our voluntary nurse was hospitalized with Covid. Ramona, from our Casa Benjamin staff, sadly resigned as she needs to be a full time caregiver for one of her children. It’s always extremely difficult if just one of our team is off work, but we had periods when four of our team members had to be replaced! But God provided us with the solution; Carmen takes shifts in Casa Anna and works less in the office. We are happy to say that we remain in excellent friendship with the ladies who had to leave our team, and we continue to still work together for God’s Kingdom in our area. We have loving people and a great team! We made it so far through these difficult times only because God loves us and we love Him!



**After school group** – Lia and Andrei, our volunteers, kept in touch with the children and their families, and helped them where it was possible. For Christmas, we were able to organize a special meeting with everyone attending the program and each child received a gift from friends in a Church in Spain. It was an exciting time, as the group haven’t met together in that way for almost a year!



**Families in need** – Although we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and technology has advanced so much, in the Constanța area there are



families that still live without electricity and running water, and little food and clothing – they basically have nothing, so the need is



huge. This is a ministry that is engraved in our hearts and we have a



strong desire to expand it. We are grateful that in cooperation with the Food bank and some of our partners from England, we continued and even increased our endeavors to bless more families in need in Constanța County. We provided them bi-monthly with food, clothing,



many vital necessities, even fire wood in some cases. Christmas presents from Operation Christmas Child (received via the “Dar din Dragoste” – “Gift of love” Association) and Christian literature were given at Christmas time to every child in these families. In some cases, we feel it’s absolutely vital to help with construction projects. A room for one family is soon finished with the help of a few volunteer men!

For 2021 we have many needs, but we won’t name them all here. The only one we want to mention is the ministry of assisting families stricken by poverty. We pray for more sponsors to help us in the construction projects so we can help the poorest of the poor.

We are so grateful for having each one of you, for your prayers, and for being in God’s heart and mind. We don’t know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future!

*But we trust in your unfailing love; our heart rejoices in your salvation.*

*We will sing the LORD’s praise, for he has been good to us. Psalms 13:5,6*

**We bless your hearts and lives in our Saviour’s Name and hope to be in touch again soon!**

**We hope you had a Blessed Christmas and wish you a peaceful New Year filled with His grace and protection!**



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