

February 2016

We want to thank everyone who has been praying for us over the last few weeks and months for certain situations and we just wanted to give you all an update.

For those who are on Facebook and our closed prayer page, you will possibly know a bit more and we are so thankful that we can be more specific through that page; one of the good things to come from social media.

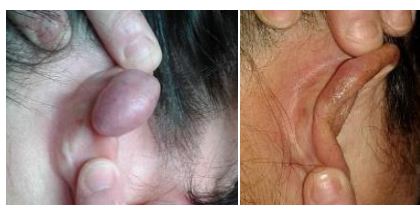
Work

Everything is going well work wise in Poiana and we are seeing God moving and changing lives both in the church and in the village and we are so thankful for this. We will send a separate newsletter with more information and the plans for this upcoming year.

Health Update

Thank you for praying for the various health issues and God is answering. Alex had another health scare in January, which could have been quite serious, but we found out that it was the result of a tablet that he was taking, which he stopped straight away and after 2 weeks the symptoms disappeared completely!

Heather is also much better than she has been for several months and things are almost back to normal after tests showed some issues and then she had a bout of bronchitis. She also had an operation to remove a huge cyst from her ear on the 21st January. She had been very nervous about how it would be in a Romanian hospital but God had it all in hand! She has had all the treatment that she needs now, apart from cream that she has to apply for 6 months and also has to wear a 'clip on' earring over the wound as much as possible to act as a compress to hopefully prevent it growing back. This Thursday she is due to get the results of the biopsy and we are believing that it will be clear.0



Before
and after



Andrew

We are so pleased to tell you that Andrew has a job as a trainee mechanic. He was previously working in a garage for 3 years but it was without pay, so to find one with a salary, and also being trained well, is a real blessing and has definitely come from God. He works 5 ½ days a week and as yet doesn't know what his wage will be, but it will be more than the nothing he was getting previously.

He loves the job and is so pleased be learning and getting his 'hands dirty' again, and every other part of him 😊

Alex

One real answer to prayer is that after 10years Alex has now been recognised as a leader by the Pentecostal Union. It has been a long process, and there are still some final papers to complete, but last Thursday there was a unanimous vote of confidence in the church after we had both been for an interview in front of 9 pastors and leaders in the area.

It is very unusual that a foreigner has been accepted for this and we are so thankful to you all for praying for this situation.

With all the answers to prayer that we have seen then we shouldn't be surprised at the trying times!

2016

We came into 2016 believing that it was going to be a wonderful year for us, and we still believe this. As we said the church and the work is going so well and we believe that God is going to do even more this year!

As well as having the health issues in January we also had a fire at the back of the house. God was with us even in this! Heather has seen some smoke through the window and asked both Alex and Andrew if they had put anything on the fire. Our central heating system is fuelled by wood

and coal. They hadn't and just at that moment a neighbour called us told us that the house was on fire! We have never moved so fast! We were able to put the flames out just a couple of minutes before the whole house would have caught fire! Three men from the village came to help us and we cleared stripped everything down just to make sure that there were no embers. We lost a 3rd of the roof on the central heating room, just over the electrics, but it could have been so much worst!



God provided for the materials and also the manpower to help us repair it all but we were without central heating for a whole week.

One other big issue is that we have had problems with is transport. When things go wrong and discouragement is knocking at the door, transport is always first on the list. On the day of all the Christmas parties, the van that we use for the ministry completely died on us. We had just picked up another van load of children and the breaks and power steering failed! A scary moment but again thankfully everyone was safe.

The other car that we also use for the ministry has been in the garage for just over 2 weeks. Due to the extreme cold weather, -16C in the day, the battery died and lots of others electrical problems appeared, including having no heating. We struggled on with it and even had to de-ice the windows on the inside! The original problem was repaired, or so they thought, but the heating

still didn't work, hence the car being in the garage for over 2 weeks.

We have a small, old car which a friend is allowing us to drive at the moment but this week the windscreen wiper stick has stopped working, and in the winter conditions here, that is not ideal. Also a couple of weeks ago, just as the snow and ice was melting, Heather was coming home and the car slid right off the road. Thankfully she and the car were fine and 4 people stopped to help her and put her back on the road. Another scary moment!

For the people who have been here then you know how bad the roads are here as only the main road in the village has asphalt covering them so as soon as there is rain, snow and ice.... they are treacherous and full of holes.

Where do we go from here?

We have been told time and time again that we have to be more specific about our needs and by not sharing them that we are actually preventing other people being used by God to bless us and the work here. It is always difficult for us to be so open and honest but they are needs and not just desires.

Please can you pray with us on these matters;

- We need to have more short breaks, and this was told to us several years ago, but was not always possible. A 2-week holiday once a year does not recharge us for the work ahead.
- We need a permanent solution to the transport issues. We need a reliable, and safe vehicle for the work as we collect the younger children for the clubs, adults to church who cannot walk so far, teams of people who come to help us during the summer months, we transport food, clothing, wood, house insulation materials, etc to help the people in the village to name but a few things. We would like to repair the 7 seater that we have and sell it, so that we can put the

money towards a new vehicle. It wouldn't cover the full cost but it would be a start.

We also need a 4x4 wheel drive vehicle and not just for the winter months but also because of the conditions of the roads. This would also be used for the work, as well as the family, and one that is safe and reliable. Because we live so far out of the city 2 vehicles are necessary because many time we both need to be in two places at the one time.

- Please continue to pray for our house situation. The church who are donating the land to us have still not found all the paperwork necessary. If we had a separate house to live in and 'switch off' then this would really help.
- The work is growing, which means the needs and costs are growing, and we are always living below what we need every month. We need to have an increase in regular support.

We are so encouraged with the messages, emails and phone calls that we have received from people and thank you all so much for your continued prayers. We could not continue without you all.

Please keep in touch and many blessings to you all,

Alex, Heather and Andrew

We are totally supported by the giving of others to continue to be here. If you can help us in any way with support to allow us to continue the work here, then here are the account details below:

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A new webpage is in the process of being made.