

Let Your Kingdom Come

Poiana

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It has been quite a while since we wrote our last newsletter and it has not been intentional not to write before now, but it has been an extremely busy time and also a very physically demanding time over these last few weeks, but totally amazing! So we are taking the opportunity, whilst on holiday, to send you all an update as the work starts again as soon as we arrive back in Poiana. God has been amazing and we have been able to see Him move in ways that we could never even imagine.

Teams

As you know over the Spring and Summer months we host teams who come and live with us 24/7, usually for a week at a time, and are involved with various aspects of the ministry here in Poiana.

Many of the teams come to help with the children's work, adult ministry and also to help in practical ways where ever they can. This last year we have been using the theme 'Thy Kingdom Come' which basically means that the church needs to get into the community and meet people where they are at, and meet the 'felt need' where ever possible...and then we can reach the 'real need' in their lives and that is the Good News of Jesus.

So far this year we have had several teams from the UK and also teams from Romania. In fact, a few weeks ago we had some people from Teen Challenge Bucharest who came to visit us for the night. They had previously been to work and then came to visit us with their families. That night we had 19 people staying under the one roof. It was a squeeze but an amazing time!

One of the highlights when we have teams is when they can join in the church meetings, and there is something spectacular happens when there are people from all different countries worshipping the same God but in different languages!

This year we have had people from as young as 13 years old up to 72years old, here to help, so don't ever feel that you are too young, or too old to help or too inexperienced. God can, and will use you if you are willing.

If you feel that you would be able to come to help in the work here in Poiana then please get in touch with us.



One really exciting piece of news is that, after nearly 11 years, Alex has been recognized 'officially' as a church leader here in Romania. He always was recognized as a leader but to have it officially recognized by the Pentecostal Church means so much more. This is a very rare thing to happen in Romania, for foreigners, so we are so thankful to God for this as it means that we will have more opportunity for fellowship and training opportunities.

HIP (House Insulation Project)

One of the projects that we are involved in is the House Insulation Project. The summer months here in Romania are very warm and this year we have suffered severe droughts with no rain for 3 months and temperatures of 35C and above...but the winter months are exact opposite! It is very normal to have temperatures of -25C on a daily basis. Can you imagine what that is like if you have to find wood for fires to heat one room in your house and also in a house that is not insulated? It is very difficult and also the heat will escape from a house very quickly if it is not insulated.

Up till now we have had the privilege of insulating 18 homes within Poiana. We have been able to do this with the help of The Proton Foundation, individual giving and the help of teams, both from the village, Romania around the world.

An insulated house can save a family 40% on their fuel bill for the winter. What a saving!!

There has to be some criteria for the house to be insulated and the family has to be unable to do it for themselves financially. This year alone we have been able to insulate houses for people who are 'key' people in the village. One was an elderly couple who both suffered ill health. The lady is completely blind and the husband has issues with his legs. Last year we insulated their daughter's house as her husband committed suicide leaving her on her own with 2 teenage children. This elderly couple provide for both their house and their daughter's house, and family, from a very small monthly pension.

Another house we insulated this year was a man with special needs. He is on his own and his income is from odd jobs and where he can help. After his house was insulated he is walking around the village with his head held high, and he talks and waves to people. Not only is their house transformed.....but lives are transformed through the love of Jesus.

This is a quote from a team member from the UK who came to help with Children's clubs and HIP.

What a difference a week makes.

Looking at the photos of before and after show the work pays off. A privilege to be able to do this work. This particular visit took the team to the limits.



This year we have all been involved, as a family, with the HIP project in practical ways and it has challenged us, we have been exhausted, but also blessed.....and we still have more to do this year!! Another 4 houses are planned in Sept and Oct.

Matthew 25

The Matthew 25 ministry has been in full swing these last few months with giving out food to very needy families. We have been able to provide hot meals to many single and lonely people in the village, providing snacks for hungry children through the children's clubs, clothing and shoes and many food parcels to various families, both in the church and in the community.

Many of you know about Mirela. She is on her own raising 5 children as her husband is in prison because he abused the oldest daughter. She has to provide for her family on £64 per month.

A couple in their early 60's who are not able to work as they are classed as 'too old'. They have a really small pension of £40 per month.

Another couple in their late 50's cannot work due to health issues (a stroke and a heart condition), receive social help of £52 per month for the 2 of them.

These are just a few of the people that we have to help every month, as we can mention so many more. A gas bottle to cook with costs £12 per month, electricity bills are the same as in the UK, food is expensive and we don't have buy one get one free offers in Romania as they have in the UK. New shoes and clothing are a luxury here in Poiana.

In September the schools start back and we are so thankful that we are able to help in some way towards the items that they children need for school, which will help the parents a bit.

Winter is coming and as we have said previously temperatures go to -25C, colder than the freezers in our homes. A tonne of wood costs £65 and an average family needs 1 tonne a month. None of the families we have mentioned are able to provide for the winter months, and there are many more families in the same position.

If you are able to help in any way at all then please can you get in touch with us.



Mirela and 4 of the children



Fish and
Chips

What we have shared with you all is just a small part of the work that we do here in Poiana, and if you would like more information about the work, or individuals then please feel free to get in touch with us and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Prayer Points:

- For provision for all of the things we have written about. We are completely supported by donations and every activity costs money.
- Please continue to pray for the new leadership team that God will use them and protect them. They are doing an amazing job!
- Please continue to pray for the transport situation. There are still many problems to be resolved.
- Lasting fruit for the Kingdom of God.
- Please pray for us as a family. We are fine but have been totally exhausted! We are at the end of our 2week annual holiday, which has been fantastic, but we start back straightaway and have our next team just 36 hours after we arrive back. We love it but the teams are exhausted after a week...we are here on the mission field every week of the year

We are totally supported by the giving of others for the work and also for us to live here as a family and oversee the work. We don't receive a salary!

If you can give in any way, either as a one off donation or a regular SO then please use one of the options below and THANK YOU!

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Ref: The Chalmers Family (this is important so that we actually receive it)

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