

At the beginning of 2017 we said that this was going to be 'our' year as there were so many things happening in the family and in the ministry. There was such an air of expectation. The first 2 months we were snowed in for days on end, and had so many problems with internet and phone lines. It was a stressful time, but God was with us always. Soon the weather started to settle down and life got back to normal, not just for us here in Poiana but all over the country. Here are some of the amazing things that have happened this year so far.

## Introducing the new Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers



On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017 Andrew and Elena were married and celebrated with friends and family from Romania and the UK.

Andrew and Elena's wedding was such a special day, and it was a totally unique wedding, full of love and fun. It was good to have so many friends come over from the UK to celebrate with them and there was a special, and emotional, moment when video greetings were sent from family who were unable to be there. Thank you all for your prayers for the day and please continue to pray for the newlyweds as they embark on their new life together.

Another celebration in July was our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We had a team with us, and after finishing a house insulation, we celebrated with a BBQ.



On the 14<sup>th</sup> September, we celebrated our 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Romania. Where has the time gone??!! It has been the most exciting, emotional, scary 12 years of our lives .....but we KNOW this is where God wants us and He has been with us every step of the way! We have seen lives changed, seen God move in amazing ways, a community transformed in many ways, children saved from trafficking and abuse, needs met in miraculous ways.....and that is just to name a few things. These things have been possible with your prayers and support, as we cannot do anything without you all.



To celebrate we had the first of the new Growth Groups and a visitor Ken Harrison from New Zealand, who was staying with for a few days, took the meeting and it was AMAZING! We never tell visitors what subject to speak on and he was spot on for where we are at as a church. He also gave us a verse from Isaiah, which was one of the verses that God gave us for coming to Romania. Totally confirmation for us and a real encouragement.

### HUGE Answers to Prayer



God answered our transport issues this year and we were able to buy a 3year old Dacia Duster with 4WD which is perfect for the roads around the village.

Thank you to you all for your prayers and practical support.

After 2 years we were finally able to sign for the papers for a piece of land that the Mother Church donated to us so that we can build our own home. The land is at the back of the property here but it will mean that we will have our own home to live in whilst still be able to care for this place. It will also mean that we will have more space for the work to grow. This has been a long process and as soon as funds are available, we can start building.



In the Notar's office waiting to sign the papers

## **New Season, New Vision**

It has been such a busy year so far, so we decided to spend a few weeks in August seeking God for a fresh vision, as it is so easy to get so caught up in the busyness of life and just carry on. As a result of this time, which was brilliant, we have renewed some things. We are now having Growth Group on a Thursday and starting the Freedom in Christ Course, we have some new plans for Dunamis and we have changed the Children's Club which is now called Micii Exploratori (Little Explorers). We will be introducing new things into the Sunday Services which are geared towards people getting closer in their relationship with God and being challenged more and more to go into the community. We have been more and more involved in the community for several years but have plans to increase the work there. All in all, it is exciting times and we thank you for being a part of this with us.

As you see from the heading of this newsletter that this is Part 1. We will be sending another one out shortly to give you more updates on the work and individuals that you all know.

### Prayer Points

- Please pray for Andrew and Andrew as they settle in to married life
- For the new things that we have been planning
- For God's continued provision and guidance for the work here and the plans that we have for the future including the new house
- Winter is fast approaching and we need to supply wood for some needy families

Please keep in touch and many blessings to you all,

Alex, Heather,

Andrew and Elena

We are totally supported by the giving of others to continue to be here.

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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