

## Hallelujah...it's March!



Thank you so much for everyone who has been praying for us these last few weeks. It has been REALLY appreciated! We had an amazing time with the family in Scotland, and the picture at the top is our first picture with our Granddaughter. The week together was so special, and we all had fun together as well as meeting the Great Grandparents. Saying good-bye is not so easy and we are really hoping that it won't be another 5 years until we are together again!

We arrived back in Poiana to no water, no heating, a broken fridge, laptop not working and Andrew's firm going bankrupt. It was a tough time and took a few weeks to get resolved, and we have to admit, that we were feeling pretty low. Thankfully, everything is resolved now, hence the delay in the newsletter, and Andrew started a new job last week.

### Christmas Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who supported Christmas in Poiana and for the Fuel for Winter. Everything was provided for and we were able to provide fuel for many families, according to their needs, and for one of the best Christmas's we have had for years.

The school visit is always one of the highlights of the year as it is an opportunity to meet the parents and teachers. This year again we had a conversation with the Mayor, who thanked us for the work that we do in Poiana all the year round. At the first of the parties we had 60 children attend! It was crowded but also amazing! The children, and teenagers, had fun, ate pizza and chocolate and all received an amazing present.

Here are just a few of the photographs



Christmas parties with over 100 children for pizza, food, Fun and PRESENTS!!



Thank you for all your support in 2018!

We couldn't have done it without you!

We pray that God will bless you in abundance in 2019 and we pray for you all.

La Multi Ani!

Here are some pictures from the Christmas festivities,

Alex, Heather, Andrew and Elena xx

2 school visits and many opportunities to make new connections and continue to minister to people we already know !

The BIG question....Who was Santa?



28 families received food parcels and we had a traditional Christmas meal after the church service and were able to feed more families with the left overs.



March is a special month to celebrate women in Romania and we took some of the ladies to a meeting in the city and then on Sunday we had a lovely time with the ladies and their families. Several ladies from the village came and we served Afternoon Tea to everyone. It was a lovely time, and everyone was really open to the Gospel.



We also have had to replace some of the equipment we use for the youth clubs as they are getting old and shabby with use. One of the things we were able to buy was a fold away pool table, as this is one of the things that attract the teenagers every week and enables us to continue our relationship with them.



So, what is ahead this year? We are looking forward to 2019 being a year of blessings and fruit. God has been speaking to us, and through the dark

times at the beginning of the year, he sent us encouragement and confirmation through other people.

We have several teams booked in so far and we have had our first visitor. There are still spaces available if you would like to come and 'Make a Difference' in Poiana on a mission week. Please get in touch if you would like more information.

**In March we are having the opportunity to have a sabbatical for 3 weeks and this is the first time we have done anything like this, and it has come just at the right time. Please pray that we feel refreshed, renewed and energized when we come back. Also pray for Andrew and Elena as they hold the fort whilst we are away.**



One exciting piece of news is that Tante Lena is going to be 80 years old on 1<sup>st</sup> May and we would like to do something special for her. We are asking that you send her a birthday card, to us, and we will give her them on her birthday. She will never have had anything like this done for her and she will love it. Please send them to this address

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

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