

Dates ahead:

Official Launch – 20th September 2015

Last day for receiving goods – 31st October 2015

Big Pack – 31st October 2015 at Unit 16, Omega Park Village, Thurston Road, Northallerton from 10:00am, Anyone is invited to join us on this day. Come and have fun as we pack!

Aid trip – week commencing 14th November 2015.

Special Request

We really appreciate everyone who supports us and are so blessed knowing that you all wish to be kept informed about our yearly appeals. However, we would request that if you have an email address and are happy to receive this information electronically would you contact us to let us know. Each year we send out lots of letters and reports and this cost a great deal of money. As a charity we want to be able to use the donations wisely and it is for this reason that we haven't printed as many reports this past year. (For all electronic communication please see below). If you don't have access to email, then please don't worry, we will ensure that you still receive your copy of all our reports.

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Newsletter

September 2015

Dear friends

Well here we are once again and it's time to turn our thoughts towards this year's Romanian appeal. We are so thankful for all who have supported us in the past and look forward to this year's project.

We officially launch the appeal on Sunday, 20th September 2015 in the Sunday morning service at New Life Baptist Church in Northallerton. It starts at 10.30 am and we extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us. We will be particularly thinking of the families who we help to support on a monthly basis. This currently stands at 20 families in Aiud, and 14 in Simeria. These all receive a monthly supply of basic grocery items. We also support two families in the Simeria area who take in foster children. This support is provided by those who make kind donations.

Christmas Shoeboxes are always well received by the children in Romania, for some poorer children it may be the only present they receive. We are thankful to all who make up shoeboxes, either as individuals or as part of a group/school initiative. In addition to shoeboxes, once again we will be collecting goods, such as new or nearly new clothing and shoes, over the counter medication (which must be in date), bedding, educational toys, school resources, cleaning materials and small items of furniture. We are also grateful for all those who donate knitted garments, and we recognise that much labour is put into these.

Unfortunately, we are unable to use the 'fish and chip' knitted garments, as we have no outlet for them. We can also accept appropriate medical items for the hospital, but again these must be in date.

Once again we have been granted the use of a unit at No 16, Omega Industrial Village, Thurston Road, Northallerton. This property will be available to us from 1st October and therefore we will be able to accept goods from that date.

Many thanks once again for all your support

May God bless you

Joyce Bainbridge

On behalf of New Life for Romania

Some news from the past year:

While we tend to continue to witness some extreme poverty in Romania, we were encouraged during last year's trip, as most of the men were out working when we visited the families. Jobs are not easy to obtain in rural Romania, so work is often on a seasonal basis, mostly on the land or in the forest.

During this year, two families have been working towards making their homes bigger in order to improve their living standards. (bearing in mind that many of the families live all together in cramped conditions, in a one roomed dwelling, which obviously becomes difficult as families grow in both numbers and age). The Paraus are one such family. As their two daughters approached teenage years, they decided to renovate a farm building in order to provide extra sleeping accommodation. Jackie and Gwyneth from Headland Baptist Church in Hartlepool were touched by their story and decided to do something to help them practically, as £800 was needed to finish the renovation. As a result, Headland Baptist Church carried out a sponsored walk and raised a substantial amount of money which more than covered this project. We are thankful to all who took part in the walk and those who sponsored them. Because of this, the Parau family will be able to complete their extension and we look forward to seeing it on completion.

Similarly, the Munteen family in Aiud are also renovating a farm building and have used their initiative to do this. The last photo which we received showed that the building was ready for the roof to be fitted. It's an encouragement when we see people trying to help themselves, but also recognise that for many this is not impossible.



The Covaciu family who used to live in the tiny make shift dwelling on top of the hill, had moved into new accommodation when we visited them last November. What a difference this has made to them. Mum looked much happier and was very proud of their new home. The children were very lively.



We were very saddened when our dear friend, Wes Craig from Hartlepool, passed away two years ago. Wes was a young man who had accompanied us on two previous aid trips to Romania. Money was kindly donated to the Romanian appeal in his memory. This money has been used to erect outside play equipment in the grounds of Bocsa Baptist Church. This will benefit both children who attend the church and foster children who live with Roman's family in the adjoining property. I am sure Wes would be pleased with this outcome, as he always had a heart for the children of Romania.

