



July 2012

It has been a while since we last wrote a newsletter and there is so much to tell! It has been one of the most busy periods, and most challenging for a while and through it all we have seen God move in powerful ways.

Robert

At the end of May Robert had the casts removed from his ankles before the temperatures started to rise but with the strict instructions that he had not to put weight on his leg at all. This is proving to be very difficult for him and he, and his family need your continued prayers. He has a wheelchair and crutches to help with this problem but it is so difficult for a 10 year old to sit whilst his friends are running about and playing. We have to take him back to see Dr Nicolae at the end of July where more x-rays will be taken to see how the hip is healing.

Nuta

Over the last 2 months Nuts has had many tests and at last has been given treatment that is helping her and she is looking so much better. She has even been able to venture outside on her own for the first time in years, and is able to do more around the house. They have discovered that some nodules have started to grow again around the thyroid area and they are going to keep a close watch on this. The other good news is that both her sons have permanent jobs so that at least some regular money is coming into the household. Nita would like to thank you all for your continued prayer for her and her family and s

She knows that God has heard and answered. Please continue to pray for her for complete healing.

Angela and Vasile

The past 6 weeks have been a very difficult time for the family, and we would like to thank all of you who have been praying for them and us during this time. Six weeks ago Mosu, Vasile's Dad was involved in an accident. He was on the horse and cart with Angela and her son Alex when a goat and her kids went under the horse's legs. The horse panicked and Angela and Alex managed to get off the cart safely before it overturned. Mosu went to retrieve the goats and the horse trampled him as it panicked. He had a broken neck, broken ribs and a broken spine in 2 places. He died 10 days later and it has been a very difficult time for the family. Hospitals here are very different and the family could not spend time with him in Intensive care. Mosu was also Mirela's Dad, Ioan's step father and Anisioara's ex-husband so most of the church families have been affected by this situation. Please continue to pray for them all as it has been a really difficult time for them all and pray for God's peace and healing for them all.

The Church

The past 2 months we have seen the church grow in maturity and it has been such a blessing to see. One of the subjects we have been teaching on is how to hear from God and many people have been receiving dreams and it has been a real encouragement for them, and us.



It has also been quite a difficult time and many people have been going through some times of testing so we would appreciate that you continue to pray for each one of them that God will be glorified in everything.

Children and Teenagers

These groups are always a source of joy to us! During June things were very quiet as it was election time for the new mayor, so there were lots of events held for the people of Poiana which meant that they were bussed to the next town and given free sweets, beer and food. The Mayor that actually won took the children to the water park in the city. It was a great time for them but also meant that for a few weeks the clubs were quiet. Now that everything is back to normal so are the clubs and we are seeing so many children and teenagers come every week. They are a real blessing and a real joy to have here.

We are building some real strong relationships with them and really see God at work in them. For many of them life at home is extremely difficult so when they can come to the clubs, they receive the love and respect that they need to encourage them and help them to escape from daily difficulties for a short time.

The children still have an active role in the church activities and are involved in the Praise and Worship team and with the computer for easy Worship.

In August we are planning on taking 10 of them to camp and they are really looking forward to it. Six of them went last year and had a great time and are desperate to go back

this year.

One real blessing is that we received some USB ports from our friend Bob Milne in America which has enabled us to have internet on all the computers in the new computer room. Now the children will be able to have somewhere they can come to do their homework, etc

Teams

We have already had 2 teams this last month and the first was a team from The Lighthouse Homes in Rotherham which is a Christian run outreach for people with dependency issues. They provide a home for them and also a chance to train in many skills in the construction area. We had a team of 12 arrive for 10 days and 10 of them were ex drug addicts and alcoholics. We had such an AMAZING time with these guys! They were a blessing in so many ways and were so open to share their testimonies as well as all the practical work that was done and the work with the children and teenagers. They replaced the fence at the front, the roof on the outhouses, repaired the play area, painted Tante Lena's room and put electricity into the computer room to name just a few things that they did! (Picture top left on page of the team).

Last week we had a team from the Derbyshire area and for some of them it was their 4th and 5th time being here. It was also a fantastic time and they were such a blessing to us and to the children here in particular. As well as preparing a children's holiday club on the theme of the Olympic Games 2012 they built a



shelter round the back and also a sand pit...which is just fantastic!!! (Picture on page 1 on the left). As you will see from the pictures, the sand pit is not limited to small children ☺

There has been so much happening over these last 2 months and we have really felt your prayers and many of you know about the difficult times and we appreciate your prayers. In fact we have really needed them. During this time there have been several accidents within the people of the church and at one point the car could make its own way to the hospital it was so often that we needed to go. One day Alex was saved from a fatal accident by being stopped by the police for a random police check. He was supposed to be at a meeting and in the morning Heather had been warned that something bad was going to happen to Alex and she prayed for him. We found out later that if he had been on the road at that time he would have been in the accident! We are thankful to God for everything that he is doing. We are truly in a battle here but through Him we have the victory!!

Also this last 2 months we have received another 2 pallets of much needed aid from our home church in the UK. They have been sending clothes, food, toys, shoes, etc which has been used to help many families in the church and not just church families. Jayne and Howie Griffiths who have been arranging these for us have been so encouraged by the people who are helping and as we experienced ourselves, many other people are becoming involved from outside of the church. (picture on right of page 2.)

Family

Also in June we had our eldest son Chris and our daughter-in-law Hannah come and visit for 6 days just before they emigrate to Australia. We had a great time with them and we are so proud of them. They arrived in Sydney on the 3rd July and their next few days are to spent looking for an apartment and getting everything prepared ready for Hannah starting work as a children's nurse at the end of the month. Please can you pray for them as they start their new life in Oz and also for Chris to find a job quickly.

Alistair is doing very well in Austria and enjoying his job and he is still planning to go to Bible College next year.

Andrew is doing really well at the moment and has found many new friends in the village and is out with them every evening after he has finished all the work he has to do. His Romanian language is virtually perfect and his accent is definitely Romanian ☺

This month is also a special month for Alex and Heather because on the 17th July we celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary! We cannot believe where the years have gone and we are so thankful that God has been with us and blessed us over these years. We have been really blessed by being able to go on holiday for 2 weeks to celebrate and as well as celebrating our anniversary we are really looking forward to a very much needed rest!

Please continue to pray for us all as a family as we are all in different countries and that we will continue to follow the plans that God has for us and for His provision.

Prayer requests

- Please pray for all the people mentioned in the newsletter.
- Please pray for the church as Alex and Heather are on holiday.
- Please also continue to pray for the new building that we have permission to build.
- That God will make a difference in Poiana with everything that we do.
- Please continue to pray for the teams that we have had and also for the teams that are due this year.
- Please pray for complete rest for Alex, Heather and Andrew as they are on holiday and also that they will come back refreshed in every way.

Please follow the link below to see the pictures from the last few weeks.

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Thank you so much for all your love, support and prayers and for the encouragement that you send us through e-mails, letters and phone calls. We really appreciate it and it is so necessary for us to hear from you all. Thank you!

Love and Blessings,

Alex, Heather and Andrew XX



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