



Charity Number 1062573

OUR Mission

Our mission is to provide support directly to the neediest individuals in the North & West of Romania. This is achieved through working with local Christian charities and churches, both here in the UK and in Romania.

OUR TEAM

Our Trustees and oversight team are in the UK, but we operate through our sister charity Pro Community Romania in Romania.

Today Pastor Daniel is Director of Pro Community Romania and with Vetuta his wife and Danny and Sarah Ispas they manage a multiplicity of ministries and community projects from supplying food packs to the needy to equipping the schools with educational supplies and materials.

Today, through the local church in Carand and Pro Community Romania (the Romanian arm of CAR), many hundreds of people have been helped, and are helped, every year



WE FOCUS OUR EFFORTS INTO THREE KEY THEMES

Spiritual

Everything we do has the end vision of serving the Kingdom of God and His purpose for his most valued creation, me and you and everyone around you to the ends of the world. Someone said that Romania spiritually is like a sleeping giant but when it wakes up it will shake the earth. We want to see Romania alive and awake spiritually serving and praising the Creator. Our main ministry is in Carand in the Arad region and the churches around it. Even after 27 years you still see a lot of traces and strongholds from the communist system, but by the grace of God the church in Carand and more and more churches from Romania are being transformed and awakened spiritually.



Spiritually we support churches and people through

- **Leadership** we train and disciple local churches and individuals to establish a good and strong leadership.
- **Teaching** through church services, bible studies and one to one we help people discover and deepen more in the word of God
- **Children's ministry** lost and overlooked over the years in so many churches we encourage, support children ministry to teach and help children discover the Word of God
- **Women's ministry** especially in rural areas this was almost frowned upon but now there is a women ministry where women of any age can pray study and have fellowship together
- **Evangelism** we are supporting events and outreaches around Carand and villages in the area in sowing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In 2020 we established our online broadcasting through Facebook. Services are now streamed live each Sunday.

SOCIAL

Even though Romania joined the European Union (EU) on 1st January 2007, the elderly and poor in Romania live day to day, week to week, on almost nothing although the cost of living is virtually the same as in the UK. The average pension in is £100 – £150 pounds per month but you find a lot of people living on as little as £50 - £100 pounds a month. Many elderly rely on the extended family to provide help. Therefore, if you have no family to help, then what do you do?

Many live in just one or two rooms, often with a chair that doubles as a bed and a small wood burning stove that also provides some warmth. Water is mostly by a standpipe outside and toilets are usually still an outside latrine.

Even thou Romania had and still has some of the greatest universities in Europe, when you live on an income of £150 -200 a month you often can't afford college or universities and there's no provision of student loans or anything like that.

Starting even in the lower schools' parents need to buy all the educational material including the manuals their children study on.

Socially we support churches and people through

- **Adopt A Friend.**

In 2001 we set up a project called 'Adopt A Friend'. This links (supporters) directly to a needy person in Romania. The sponsorship provided is forwarded to our team in Romania and every penny is transferred into food and other essentials and distributed monthly. We encourage letters and try to provide regular news on how those being supported are doing.



- **Improving Education.**

Especially in the rural areas the schools are forgotten by the government so we are helping in providing 21st century education tools like Laptops and video projectors for classes, lockers and basic craft materials for lower schools, whiteboards for classrooms as most of the blackboards have not changed in 40-50 years, toilets so children and staff don't have to go outside to a latrine in +40 degrees in summer and -15 degrees in winter. In addition, each year we support local schools and parents with basic educational material and supplies.

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Encouraging further education, over the years we encouraged and supported several young people to finish universities and colleges. Young people from very poor families which had no future now have better paid jobs, a future and can help their families as well.

- **Building playgrounds** for the children.

Many children are required by the families to work either the land or look after the animals from a very young age and most of them have no sense of a childhood as we know it, or never stepped on a playground. We helped to build a few playgrounds so the children can have a few hours of a normal childhood being able to play.



- **Christmas for Children.**

As you may well have read on the 'Adopt a Friend' page, a Christmas meal was organised for (and was enjoyed by) those supported under the 'Adopt a Friend' programme. In addition to this, the children did not lose out as Christmas presents were distributed to children through all the local schools around Carand. We also give presents to the children who come from poor families in the more rote areas around Carand.



PRACTICAL

Carand is 10km from the nearest town and 85km from the County town. Many people if they need to get to the hospital have no means to travel and the public transport is not reliable and is expensive. If a disabled person needs to travel every month about 85 km to the city of Arad to file the papers in order to receive what benefits there are (that most of the time doesn't come due to bureaucracy and corruption) will struggle with travel and paperwork. This is where Danny and Sarah with the local team step in.

Practically, we support churches and people through

- **An emergency fund**, we make sure there is money set apart for our team to be able to drive people which have no means to get to hospital, or to pay for some medicine when people are left in situations that they can't afford to buy it and it could be a matter of life and death.

- **Local doctors**, we work together with some of the local doctors and pharmacists in helping with medicine, equipment as ECG machine, Physio Therapy machine and basic equipment.
- **Quick response Vehicle** not long ago we had a 4x4 donated by an English couple as a quick response vehicle which works with the local firefighters' volunteers, but it is also used to transport food and supplies to some of the remote villages, and it can be used to drive in emergencies people to hospital.

- **Fire truck** we were donated a fire truck by a church, and it is used by the local firefighter volunteers in the community around Carand. You have to realize that in the summer they have +40 and temperatures and, in the winter, it can go as low as – 20, most people use wood burners stoves to cook on and in the winter most have a wood burner stove in the house.



- **Fire prevention** due to the high-risk way people live we managed to install in Carand 300 smoke alarms and 300 CO alarms one for every house.

- **Holiday clubs** over the years we manage to bring different teams of young people from England to run holiday clubs with the local children of Carand and villages around it.



- **A Tractor** was purchased to enable wood to be collected on behalf of poorer families. This has enabled the charity to provide for some of the neediest in the village.



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