



A personal invitation and update from Romania – June 2024

Dear Friends

I want to start by saying so much has transpired already in 2024 but before I do I want to tell you about two special dates you are invited to:

Sunday 7th July at 10:30am, Willesborough Baptist Church, Hythe Road, Ashford, TN24 0QR; Kent. Danny and Sarah will be taking part in the service

Sunday 14th July at 10:30am Hockliffe Street Baptist Church, 33 Hockliffe Street, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 1EZ. Danny will be preaching and Sarah taking part in the service. The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch where there should be some opportunity for informal catch up.

Officially these two weeks in July are their family holiday, so while I know many may like to invite them to visit, we would politely request we give them a break to just chill and, weather permitting, enjoy the beach and other sites. We do hope as many as possible will be able to come to one of the two venues listed.

I know Danny and Sarah will give a more thorough update when here in the UK but here is just a quick snap shot of what has been going on:

Adopt a friend, continues to provide essential needs to over 30 families each month. Some of these families still live in extremely poor conditions, mud brick dilapidated buildings, some in just one room.

Community Support, Numerous trips have been made with various people to attend hospital and some of these journeys have taken a round trip of a complete day. The fire engine has also been called on a couple of occasions and Danny has led the way on a number of other rescues (tractors tipping over in the forest, vehicles breaking down)

Recent visitations, As part of a personal development plan, an intern came for a short mission trip and we were also able to host one of our major donors and reacquaint them with the work and the families.

Ukraine, The remaining donations we have received are being forwarded and supplies of food and clothing were being taken from Romania into needy areas in Ukraine. The charity are currently reviewing this area of work as donations have declined considerably.

Church renovation, has taken a considerable amount of time and hard work, below is a quick pictorial summary.



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Old single glazed windows with wooden frames removed



Thirteen windows being removed and two doors, but note the wood surround and raised plinth that will all have to be removed



Windows out but now bricking to right size the space for new windows



New double-glazed windows with blinds going in. With the sun and sometimes 30 degrees heat they are necessary. Need to chisel out the painted area (left) to allow for replaster (right)



Plastering and chipping out, health and safety fully complied with (Romanian style)



Door had to be removed and turned around to open outwards to comply with legislation. It was also moved further to the outside to create a bigger lobby for hopefully installing a coffee facility inside to welcome worshippers



Wood panelling now regarded as a fire risk being removed, often with brute force (definitely the ladies job)



All the painted surfaces had to be chipped using axes so when replastered it would adhere



Thousands of axe chippings and major rewiring as window blinds are activated electronically.



The ceiling has to be coated with a special solution like liquid sandpaper to provide a good surface for plastering. Very messy work.



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There is still work to be done on decorating, floor carpeting, replastering and fixing of two rooms and then there is the sound and audio rewiring to be done.

Having said all that, we are so grateful to God and to all our supporters without whom none of this could have been achieved.



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As for now, our thanks once again and every blessing

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