



Newsletter and update from Romania – August 2025

Dear Friends

Recent Events and Community Support in Carand

Challenges and Losses

Lynn and I have not long returned from Romania after spending six weeks with Pastor Daniel and Danny, Sarah and family. This year has proved to be an especially challenging and, at times, distressing. Earlier in the year, Ionica—a wonderful helper in the church at Carand and a close friend to Danny and Sarah—fell seriously ill. Sadly, after several months in hospital, numerous prayers, and repeated visits to the hospital in Timisoara (two hours away), Ionica passed away, leaving behind a wife and a sixteen-year-old son. Then, in May, Vetuta, Pastor Daniel's wife, passed away very suddenly. While we know that both Ionica and Vetuta are with the Lord in heaven, their absence has been deeply felt. Vetuta, as many of you know, was a major organiser for the Adopt a Friend scheme and regularly provided meals for some of the poorest in the village.

Increased Workload and House Renovations

As a result of these losses, Danny and Sarah have taken on a greater workload.

To support Pastor Daniel in his grief and to help the church through this difficult period, they have moved into the manse. This relocation required extensive renovation and redecoration to create suitable rooms for Ella, Tobi, Danny and Sarah. Additionally, the upstairs landing was reorganised and refurbished to provide a new office space. Lynn and I were fortunate to lend a hand during our visit. However, further work is still needed, particularly the renovation of the bathroom to install a walk-in shower and update furnishings—improvements that Pastor Daniel needs.



Pastoral Adjustments and Family Health

Pastor Daniel has recently downsized his car, purchasing a Corsa, which is more manageable for him. Danny, who had an accident last year, recently discovered after further investigation that he had torn his Achilles tendon and required significant surgery. He postponed the operation due to work commitments but was able to have the procedure in March. Since then, he has been undergoing regular physiotherapy to regain strength and flexibility. Last week, Danny was permitted his first jog, though he is still on the long road to full recovery and must refrain from football for now.

Tobi also suffered an injury that resulted in a wound to his leg, which has required considerable treatment, physiotherapy and forced him to miss many activities such as football and swimming. His recovery continues to be gradual.

Both Tobi and Ella are requiring significant dental treatment.



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Adopt a Friend Programme and Ongoing Community Efforts

The Adopt a Friend programme remains active, with Sarah now taking the lead. While we were in Romania, Lynn and I were pleased to offer support.

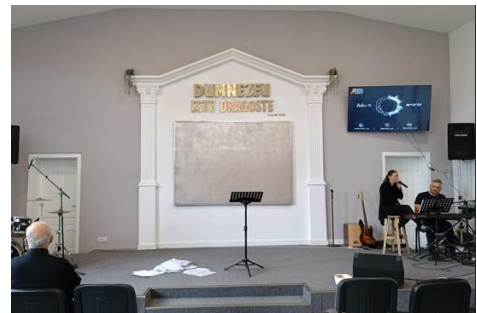


Many villagers continue to rely heavily on the food provided, and in many cases, this support is essential. This year, we will request Christmas cards and financial contributions earlier than usual, as we plan to deliver these in person and will be travelling to Romania in November. Lynn will reach out separately about this in September. We are also encouraged to see members of the church in Romania stepping up to prepare and deliver meals to the

villagers, continuing the work Vetuta so faithfully carried out.

The church renovation proceeds steadily but slowly, and the coffee area needs decorating and furnishing, flooring needs laying in the church and the new audio equipment needs to be purchased and installed.

Danny and Sarah are not taking the young people to camp this year as there have been too many other pressures, but Danny and Sarah will be going one day as he is one of the key speakers.

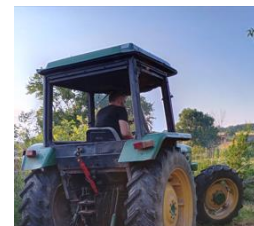


Support and Funding

Community Action Romania has been instrumental in providing funding this year for the work in Romania, including:

- Remuneration package for Danny and Sarah
- Danny's operation and physio
- Renovation of Pastor Daniel's house to accommodate Danny, Sarah and family.
- Continued renovation of the church including:
 - Coffee Machine for the new coffee area
 - An additional screen to display the worship songs and scripture in the church.
 - Funding for microphones and audio equipment in the church
 - Funding to support the youth work in Carand over the summer.
 - Servicing of:
 - Danny & Sarah's car as it had done 25,000km in 6 months with all the trips to hospital.
 - The minibus used for church activities.
 - The tractor

Note: the car and the minibus both require windscreen replacement as they both have significant cracks





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As always, we ask for your prayers:

- For Pastor Daniel and the family as they process their grief
- For Danny and Tobi for their continued healing
- For Danny and Sarah for strength for today, wisdom for the future and the opportunity to find some down time as our holiday had to be cancelled this year.
- For Lynn and Sarah as they will undertake a full review of the Adopt a Friend programme and the needs.
- For the continuing renovation work on the church and Pastor Daniel's house
- For the charity finances as we seek to continue to support the work in Carand
- For completion of the renovations in both the church and pastor Daniel's house

Finally, none of this work is possible without your continued prayers and support, for which we are truly grateful. We have recently produced a general information sheet, and we would be grateful if you could share this work with others. Click here to download [37857d_3efe5d33c16544c3ab6c4ea656a7149a.pdf](#). Don't forget more information, videos and newsletters are all available from our website www.comactrom.com where you can also make donations.

As always if you have any questions, please just give us a call or send us an email.

As for now, our thanks once again and every blessing

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