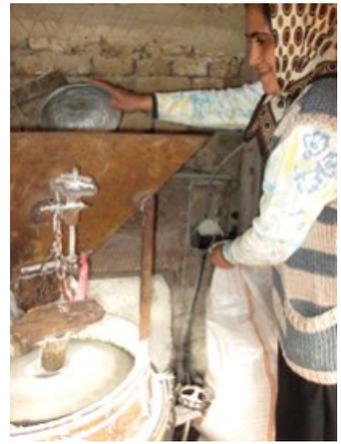


WORKING FOR 70 PENCE AN HOUR

Suppose you had to live on the income received from grinding corn, at just 70p per hour? How would you cope with food and winter heating bills? This is daily life for Eunicea in Lapușnicu [right], grinding corn for her neighbours.



NO MONEY TO VISIT THE DOCTOR



Eight and a half months pregnant, and you have no idea about your own health, or the health of your unborn child, because you have no money to pay the doctor a 'tip' for the diagnosis. The situation for Florina was very stressful, and she was upset. But she is smiling in the photo [left] after we gave her 30 Euros; and the doctor said everything was ok and the baby would arrive in 2-3 weeks.

FEBRUARY VISIT TO ROMANIA

The winter had been very cold in Romania with temperatures below minus 20C for 3 weeks in January. Many families are now in hardship from borrowing money to pay heating bills. The water pipes under the street and at the FEB house froze in Teiuș. I spent a week in Romania during February. The weather was just turning the corner from winter to spring. It was a fairly quiet visit, based in Teiuș, with trips out to Aiud, Cornești, and Lapușnicu.



I met with Georgeta Rastei from Tg-Mures [left in photo above] to discuss a pilot scheme of activities that she will co-ordinate in Teiuș [Ana Melente right in photo above]. **MW**

VISIT TO UK My translator Paul, and his wife Lois, visited the UK in March, taking advantage of some cheap plane tickets. I showed them a few historic sites: Conway castle, the sea at Llandudno, Ironbridge gorge and the universities in Cambridge. However, it may



not be what you do that counts, but what you say. Lois said that 'talking around the dinner table' was her favourite memory!

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