



REACH **2** ROMANIA

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The forty-fifth newsletter of a Christian Project, working to relieve poverty and restore hope in the future, in Romania.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Since we stopped collecting second-hand items in the UK our Christmas program has become quite modest in the number of children we have reached. However, we know from past experience that the kids will never forget the kindness they received through your gifts. Thank you.



THE FUTURE WITH COVID-19

When I collected the reports for this newsletter in the last week of March, there was still an opti-

mism amongst the leaders that the Covid-19 epidemic could be over by the summer and a normal camp program resumed in July. As the situation develops this looks less likely. The immediate effect of Covid-19 has been to suspend all the work of our Romanian partners in all locations, including the distribution of 4 pallets of new clothing that was delivered in the first half of March. As all schools in Romania are closed, our Kindergarten in Teiuş is also closed. The salaries for the kindergarten, paid from Germany, are suspended, and so our leaders there are without an income. Many others in Romania are in a similar situation and the humanitarian needs are going to get very desperate indeed. **Ed.**

MONEY NEEDED TO BUY FOOD

We have agreed to help Fundatia Emanuel Betania in Teiuş begin a food program for people isolated by the virus and unable to shop for food. So far we have 4 families who have asked for food. These are families who have come into contact with an infected person and cannot leave the house for 14 days. Failure to comply means they will go to Jail. We will also feed 10 homeless who sleep in the waiting room at the railway station with a carrier bag of food twice per week [photo right]. We hope you will support this work over future months. We need money to buy food in Romania, we don't want donations of food in the UK. We have sent £500 and the service began on 1st of April. See 38 second video: <https://gopro.com/v/PoeJREddNEVQ9>



AGM Postponed: The AGM on Saturday 25th April 2020, at 39 Park Avenue, Wrexham, LL12 7AL, is postponed due to Covid-19 lock-down.