

VISIT TO LAPUȘNICU MARE

I usually make one trip each year to visit Anca Nicola [below left] and her family in Lapușnicu Mare. Life for most of her marriage has been very stressful, living in a two-roomed house, looking after 4 active children, hand milking a cow, and looking after a string of other animals. Her husband Cristi [right] used to drag trees from the forest with two horses, and saw them into wooden planks. This gave him a lot of back pain, and uncertainty as to when there would be demand for wood. Last year Cristi changed



his job to agriculture, often with a mower or tractor supplied by his brother. This suits his health better. This year Cristi's maiden aunt, Eunice [bottom right], has let the family move into her large house, with a yard for the children to play outside [below]. The joyful transformation of everyone's lives has really opened my eyes as to how much stress is caused by poverty. **Ed.**

