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

8000 Items of New Clothing Delivered in 2019

We are very happy to report that over 8000 items of new clothing have been delivered to a large number of projects in 2019. The bulk of these came from Rowlinson Knitwear in Stockport. Thanks also to TTMA in Redditch, Blacon Knit & Natter, and Ruth Broome. There are photos inside this issue of some of the projects receiving clothing.

New Intake at Kindergarten in Teiuş

At the start of the school year in September a further intake of children was received. Last year's intake are pictured with Ana Melente in the Sports Hall (below).



The kindergarten uses the buildings we have provided, but salaries are paid by a Foundation in the city of Alba Iulia. It focusses on children under 4 years old. Half the children attend mornings only. But there is also a long program for working parents which finishes at 5:30pm. September requires a lot of patience and love, as the children are not used to being away from home, and cry a lot. Live guitar music provides a calming influence.

New Trustees & Romanian Partners

At the AGM on 6th April 2019 we welcomed Adam Meredith as Chairman, Julie McLeod as Secretary, and Ruth Meredith as Trustee.

The large quantity of new clothing we have available means that we have moved to a wider mission focus, rather than specific projects. This is being led by our partners in Timișoara, Cornești (Mureș & Alba Counties), and Olt County. In Olt County, southern Romania our partners of 10 years in Berindei, Ionel and Dr Alina Niștor, have moved to France. I went to say goodbye to them at the start of May. The school and village were sad to lose them. They have been replaced in Berindei by Petrișor & Alina Boldolaru. **Martin Woodhall**

Finance: Our finances are in a poor state, and so we terminated monthly sponsorships after April 2019. But we have managed to continue with 8 pallets of material aid this year.