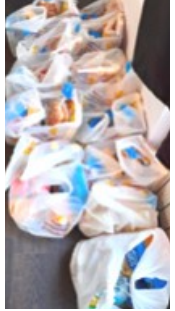


FOOD AID

We continue to feed the homeless people. Every day 3-5 are coming to us for food. One man needed a train ticket to return to his family, so we paid for that. He had come to Teiuş because someone promised him a job, but when he arrived there was no job, and he had no money to buy a ticket home. Another person wanted to take a shower and shave his beard. Someone needed clean clothes. Most sleep in the waiting room at the station. We try to look after the poor as well. A lot of people are hungry and need food. Every week there are kids begging for food outside the market. If we are there we take them to McDonalds and buy them a menu item. An old lady came into McDonalds and started to eat something from her bag. The staff told her this was not allowed and told her to leave. We bought her a menu item so that she could stay - she was very happy to be in the warmth with company. Through all this we show the love of Jesus to the people around us. It is about more than food, it provides a rest from stress, and a joy in their hearts that they are valued. We make a lot of food parcels each month for poor people. We also deliver aid [far right]. We enabled a homeless man to get an identity card [centre], which means that he will be able to apply for some social benefit, and not live helpless.



HELPING THE DISABLED

We receive a lot of requests to help disabled people. They need lots of things: a wheelchair, walking frame, a chair for the shower. It is very difficult to find everything in Romania. Most Foundations rent them to people at £10 per month, rather than donate them. But the poorest people cannot afford this, it is hard even just to eat. Thanks to Aurel Stanoiu, who is our contact for prison visiting in Aiud, we have found a foundation to help. We give items to people for free, on condition they return it when they no longer need it. We also need diapers.

HELP FOR SURGERY

In the summer Fundatia Emanuel Betania was able to process money donated for Claudiu to receive surgery for a brain tumour. We also got the children to pray for him, and he recovered. His business is renting out bouncy-castles, and in appreciation of our help he gave the kids at the kindergarten a treat [right].

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