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Reaching out to a hurting world...

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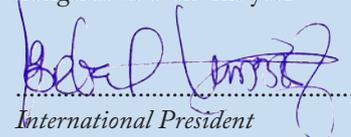
Christmas came to Children of Promise

We thank God for 2020, the year we just left behind. This has been a year unlike any other year, but when we have seen that God's faithfulness has been steadfast. Now we have just entered a new year and we can possibly start to see the light at the end of the tunnel, when we have a vaccine that will be a great help in the fight against the virus.

But still, it is too soon to know when we will be able to resume travel. There are several things that need to fall into place before it feels safe to travel. Being vaccinated yourself will be a requirement and that the countries we visit will have the virus under control and that the requirement for quarantine will be lifted for foreign visitors. The border into Moldova is still closed to foreigners, so it is not yet possible to visit the country. Both Romania and Moldova are fighting high infection rates and high workloads in the healthcare. We must see how things develop in the months to come, if it will be possible to travel again. It is all in the hands of God and we will closely follow the development.

We are looking forward to an interesting year. There is a lot to be done and we can see that the need of help is increasing, not least after the pandemic. Already we can see this. During the Holidays we were contacted by our interpreter in Moldova who, through a close friend, heard about a family that due to the pandemic, risked being evicted from their apartment. The family of five children and one on the way, lives in a small one room apartment. We decided to help the family with the accrued rent and help them the first months of this year. This prevents them from ending up on the street. Our interpreter has, through her friends, purchased food that will last for some time.

Thank you for all the financial support we received in conjunction with the Holidays. Your faithful support means so much to us and everyone who benefits from it. Thank you also for standing alongside us even this year!


International President



Some of the children and young people who, through PTPI, got new winter shoes.

During the month of December, we raised funds for the benefit of Children of Promise that every year does something extra for the children who come to the Center. The greatest and most acute need this year was winter shoes for the children. Unfortunately, it is quite common that the children wear summer shoes during the entire winter season. Wet and cold put many at risk of freezing their feet. Therefore, we are so happy that we could give a little over \$2,000 for the purchase of shoes and food for these children and their families.

Before Christmas they gathered the children, who come to the center in Oradea and Cheriu to make different Christmas decorations. In Cheriu each child made their own Christmas tree and decorated it. They gave out shoes to all 27 children who came.

In the center in Oradea, they did something similar. Each child who came, got winter shoes and a package containing both candy and other things they needed.



Food parcels given out to approx. 60 families.

To each family they also gave a package with different foods. A total of 60 children and their families were blessed by this which PTPI was a part of. Financial help also came from an organization in Germany.

We are so happy we were able to give this help. That the children now have warm winter shoes on their feet and had a joyful Christmas. We want to express our gratitude to all of you who gave towards this Christmas event. May God fill all your needs and bless you as you give towards those who are less fortunate.



A few of the children who got shoes and food parcels for their families. The children also gathered together to make different Christmas ornaments.



The Banete Family

It is with great joy and gratitude we write to all of you about the Banete family. Last year Rebeca lost her husband to Covid-19 and was left with four small children to care for. They were in the midst of building a new house when her husband passed away. With generous donations we have now come a long way and can see the results. A big thank you to all who gave towards this project. It is amazing to see what can be accomplished when we all help. Many have contributed with help on site in Romania, but Pastor Florin says that without the help from PTPI they would not have been able to come this far.

The most acute phase is over and most of the heavy work is finished. The house now has both running water and electricity. Both projects were finished before Christmas. All the way until New Year's Eve they were working on finishing the last of this work. Pastor Florin writes that Rebeca finds it hard to understand that someone wants to help another human, especially since they never met. Throughout her entire life Rebeca has had to fight hard for everything she has achieved. Now she knows what it means to receive help. Through PTPI we have so far been able to accomplish the following:

- Installation of the heating system and purchased material for the entire second floor, (a work still in progress)
- Buy wood.
- Finish the entire basement with plastered walls and a finished floor.
- Put both water pipes and electricity to the house. 547 Yards needed to be dug and poles for the electricity have been installed.
- Washer, refrigerator and a freezer have been purchased.
- Clothing and shoes for the children. Even some Christmas gifts and toys.
- Food for the entire Holidays.

The largest cost was for the installation of water and electricity. The heating system was also a large cost. Despite all that has been done, there is still some money left to continue the work of completing another room and even continue the work on the second floor. In conversation with Pastor Florin we are now praying about how to best manage the remaining money and how to make the most out of it. Via PTPI Rebeca sends her deepest thank you to all of you who have contributed and for all the help she has received in this difficult situation that now will turn out in a beautiful way.



Despite a hard situation, Rebeca and her four children are smiling.



Pipes for the heating system for the second floor. Even the basement has been cast.

The pastoral education ASIST

One of the pastors we support financially, Mircea Ardelean, works with the pastoral education Asist. Despite the pandemic, they have been able to gather the students for a few hours of teaching. It had to be done with all the restrictions due to the pandemic. Despite this, many of the students who signed up in the spring and summer came. They were eager to listen to God's Word and to be built up in their faith. Mircea writes:

It is so fantastic to be involved and equip a new generation of Pastors for their future evangelical work. Despite many and hard restrictions due to the pandemic, we were able to complete this course. We are so thankful for the leading of the Holy Spirit. We really feel that God has blessed these days. We have felt led by the Holy Spirit.

The great eagerness and hunger for God's Word make us happy. To see that they are willing to equip themselves for the service as a spiritual leader or Pastor and thus take their place in the kingdom of God, gives us great satisfaction.



The hunger after God's Word is always great.

We have 40 new students enrolled and instead of a one-year plan, the students will now study a new curriculum. They study for two years and after that, they graduate.

We saw the need the students had expressed, that they needed more time to study and most of all to implement what they have learned into their spiritual service.

The Lord has placed a hunger in their lives to study the Word of God and to practice the life that Jesus lived. We believe that these servants of the Lord will see a great harvest wherever they will be serving to bring in the harvest that is ripe. They are determined to stay faithful and serve the Lord, our Savior and King. All glory to God.

