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# BULLETIN

Reaching out to a hurting world...

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## Children of Promise brings hope

Since we recently have celebrated Easter, I would like to share something about this important holiday. The fact that Christ is risen marks the Christian faith's important truth. The suffering of Christ makes him human, but his resurrection marks his divine nature. The fact that the Son of God had to suffer, allows Jesus to identify with us when we meet suffering, go through difficulties, face death or are in its vicinity. In Hebrew 4:15 we read: *"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."*

We do not worship a distant God who remains unaffected by our difficulties or suffering. We have a God who knows us, who became man and became one of us. A God who descended into the realm of the dead and who has resurrected in glory. With words from Corinthians we can confess, *"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"* Thanks to the death of Christ on Calvary and his resurrection from the dead, the power of death is broken, and life has won over death. These are words to rely on! The lord of darkness has no dominion over the Lord of Life! Wherever you are or whatever you are facing, our God becomes a refuge, a safe harbor, a fort that gives us protection. Amen!

In this newsletter we write about the work we are involved in with greetings from both Romania and Moldova. These are important ministries that reach people with the gospel of salvation and restoration. In this issue, we are sharing greetings from Sami at Children of Promise (COP) and also a short update on Rebeca's house. Exceptionally good news! We also have received greetings from Moldova how that during the pandemic experience people have started to come to the Church. Let us give thanks to God for everything He does. Thank you also for your prayers and financial support received. Our prayer is that God, in glory, will fill all your needs.

  
International President



*Goods with a short date is a valuable resource for many families who are given the opportunity to get something to eat.*

Children of Promise (COP) is one of the organizations PTPI has worked together with for several years. COP works to better the situation for the Roma population in and around Oradea. Sami, that leads COP, has also noticed that the situation has worsened during the pandemic. Sami's work has intensified since the needs have increased and more people ask for help. Recently we received this greeting from Sami and COP in Oradea and the work in Cheri, located outside the city center. Sami writes:

The schools are closed, and all the studies are done over internet. This takes much of our resources to help the children with their studies. We have divided them into smaller groups, and we get to act as teachers, since their ordinary teachers do not have time to help all the children who need support in their studies. We must explain to the

children what they must learn and help them with their homework. We must help them to log on to the right platform where learning takes place.

Despite this demanding work with the children, we also do some practical work with them. Recently we had an activity where they were to make a replica of their own home, with doors and windows and then furnish it. Everything made of paper. Soon we will also start to plant in our garden. This year we will enlarge our vegetable growing projects by starting a mushroom cultivation.

We also want to thank each and every one who enables us to work. Thank you for many years of friendship and the financial support we receive which enables much of our work. Looking forward seeing you when given the opportunity. /Sami Mitra



*A miniature replica of their own house takes shape with the help of paper.*

## The construction is coming to a closure

Last year PTPI stepped in to help a family that had lost their father and Rebeca her husband to Covid-19, to complete the construction of their house. Florin Popa, who is responsible for the work on Rebeca's house, writes some about the progress of the work. Some things remain to be done, but a lot has also been completed. Pastor Florin writes:

A few days ago, I visited Rebeca. I had bought a dryer, which was much appreciated. I have also ordered wardrobes and some furniture which will arrive sometime in April. I also understand that renovation of her kitchen is needed. Since the house has been without heating, the kitchen and furniture are infested with mold. So, this is something that needs to be fixed. Upstairs much has happened and will soon be completed. Doors have been purchased and mounted. The heating

works upstairs, even if it has not yet been started. The walls need to be painted before they can be fitted. The bathroom however is finished.

If the remaining work can be done, everything will be great for the family. Rebeca sends her greetings and a deep thank you for all the help they have received, which I do also.

*Pastor Florin Popa*

We keep in contact with Pastor Florin to see what more can be done from our part. If you would like to contribute to Rebeca's situation, your gift is much appreciated. Mark your gift with "Rebeca" and we will see to it that your gift goes towards the remaining work. Thank you!

*The hallway and the bathroom on the second floor are two areas that are almost finished.*



## God is good to us during the pandemic

I want to start with thanking God for His great mercy towards us who are living in Glodeni. Right now, the situation is still difficult. People are very cynical, and many have lost hope. Recently we had 500 new cases and more than 5,000 people have died.

People's hopelessness is the result of much disinformation which the Orthodox Church spreads. They say that the vaccine is the number of the beast that is mentioned in the book of Revelation. During the month of March, the schools were closed for two weeks and all education was done over internet. The borders are closed and in order to enter you need a negative Corona test or have been vaccinated. Otherwise, there is two weeks of quarantine. But we thank God that we can keep the churches open and we can meet for services, however, with restrictions. Recently the Government decided to keep the churches open for all the people who have lost hope in other people and only trust in God.

We thank God for both the Daily Bread and food projects. They are both a testimony of God's love. After visiting the different homes, where we meet the poor and needy people without any help, many testify to what the help means to them. The teacher Tamara thanks God for Pastor Igor who comes with the help. If I had not received this food package, I had had to go hungry. Now I know that God loves me.

*Pastor Igor*



*Orphans and families with many children. They are all benefitting from the bread and food packages.*

