

Project Romania
Spring News
2015



SEICA MARE CELEBRATES

We have **WATER, WATER** everywhere
and all for us to drink !

We have **TARMAC** on our village roads
never seen here before!



Meanwhile in Chard - Mayor Jenny Kenton has written to Mayor Susa in Seica Mare (as a twin town). He's interested in her ideas for contact between the towns, and thinking positively about giving a **FREE PROTOCOL** so Project Romania can fulfil the vision for

The Rainbow Centre of Hope



THE OVERALL VISION

ENABLING PEOPLE - ERADICATING POVERTY

THE 5 YEAR VISION for THE RAINBOW CENTRE

TO BE A BEACON OF LIGHT

Delivering a Christian based fun programme of help and support
for disabled and deprived children

Enabling villagers by providing training for home industry

Offering eco-tourism breaks to finance the work
and bring jobs to villagers

Handing over this work to Romanian staff by 2021...

Charity Patron : Sir Graham Watson

Nitu's story. After a lifetime of crossing a muddy river on a plank, walking through the gipsy camp and up a steep hill to get daily water **from a cattle trough**

Nitu and his family now have a real **TAP** - in their home

The bible talks about shouts of joy when - **WATER**

will gush forth, like streams in a desert.

Last autumn all homes in Seica Mare, Calvasser and Boarta (where Project Romania first worked) had water pipes laid to their yards. No more going to a well on a cold morning. They've **NEVER** had running water before. There are indeed 'shouts of joy' in the village.

Nitu is a hard worker, always there for those in need. When our manager asked for help it was a delight. £50.00 was sent for pipes a meter and, of course, that indoor tap.

(Think of all the times we turn on our taps ... would we manage with water from a trough!)

Many villagers still only have pipes to their yards, they can't afford a tap indoors. Some can only use water occasionally as they have little money

BUT - water is there.

No more carrying buckets of water up hill

As yet people in the more remote villages of Buia and Stenza do not have water pipes

The villagers still use wells ...

or the river ...



Sadly in December a lovely, very active lady of 84 was mown down in the main road outside her home and died at the spot. She'd been visiting a family who'd lost a loved one, and was dressed in their traditional black. There is no sidewalk, the main road is a dangerous place. It was a great shock to the family and the village. When Norah Arnold decided to do something about this and bought some 'high viz gear' for children in Sciea Marz, Florin asked if Chard people and schools could sponsor enough for school children in Sciea Marz who walk up and down that road daily.



He's looking at what can be bought in Romania. If you can help please contact the treasurer. In Sciea Marz, villagers are still more familiar with horse and cart transport



NEW CHAIRMAN FOR PROJECT ROMANIA

Rev'd Tim Price has been the chairman for 4 years and done a great job steering the charity through difficult waters with the delayed plans for the Rainbow Centre, and ensuring that all the money given to help Denisa, a disabled girl, was used wisely. A really big **THANK YOU** from all in the charity to Tim as he finishes his term in office at the **AGM on June 2nd 2015**



The trustees are very happy to welcome Rev'd Mike Hornsby as 'chairman elect'. This is his story:

"I've been a member of Chard Baptist Church for many years and known the Fletchers since the beginnings of Project Romania. I have always prayed for the charity and followed the work with interest, although I have never been directly involved. Earlier on this year, I was asked to help prepare a 'protocol' document for the Rainbow Centre. During that time I felt very strongly that as I was now doing much less for the South West Baptist Association it was perhaps a work with which I could get more involved. However, if I'm honest it was just a thought, until recently when I was asked to consider becoming a trustee. After prayer and reflection I felt that this approach was very much within God's plan, and I am happy to let my name go forward to be a trustee and the new Chairman."

The past 24 years have been eventful and never dull. In 2015 we look forward to what God will do through the charity, through the Rainbow Centre of Hope and through all of YOU who support this work so faithfully.



LOOKING FORWARD - it hardly seems possible that in 2016 we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of that very first trip in 1991. Four very raw recruits going from the Guildhall to 'sort out' water from a well at that orphanage in Boarta !

What a lot has happened over the years - there will be news soon of the celebratory events to come in 2016, so watch this space.

NOW - we await official documents so that we can complete the work at the Rainbow Centre. Two trustees will visit in June. Please pray for that trip and the outcome - that God will give them wisdom and patience as they meet the council and Romanian NGO involved. So many very poor folk will benefit from this Centre.



Thank you ... 'with God all things are possible'.

A call for help in the UK - New trustees are needed from churches in Chard - if **YOU** feel you could serve as a trustee please ring the Chairman on 01460 63926

LOOKING BACK - TWO 'Bag2theFuture' collections raised **£290.00** for Bread4Buia. Thank you to all who gave clothes, shoes, belts, bags, soft toys and even jewellery. Some of the really good quality stuff was sold at church events raising an extra **£150.00**

If **YOU** would like to give a donation, sponsor a family or Bread4Buia please contact the Treasurer - **Ian Tucker** at
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