

Everyone's Child Romania (ECR)



SPRING UPDATE 2017

I've been waiting for a 'safe moment' when I can say that winter has truly finished... we've had really cold snaps up until last week, but I'm sticking my neck out and stating ***'the worst winter in many years is over!!'***.

With your help we were able to ensure our families stayed warm and well fed...**all have survived the winter**...and that's our main goal every Autumn.

Now, as we prepare for Easter and the tradition of giving an egg, (painted/ chocolate), and new shoes/ clothes to our children, we look forward to a year of growth on every level.

In a literal sense we want the plants in the Family Greenhouses to flourish, in an emotional/ spiritual sense we want those suffering loss of hope and the possible onset of depression to feel encouraged to keep fighting...***life will get better we promise***, and finally in a physical sense, we want those struggling with medical problems like hepatitis and TB to feel supported **and not alone in their battle...ECR is with them every step of the way.**

We have a full schedule with a variety of programmes/ projects lined up, and we have begun some of them already:

- **'Light-4-Life' Project, (L-4-L).** To offer our older girls an alternative means of income to combat the prospect of being sex-trafficked...a major problem here. The four young women in this project are producing scented candles for sale as the start-up for this cottage industry. ***They are proving very popular and will be available to buy in UK when I return, (carrying some in my suitcase ☺).***



Mihaela & Ioana: LIGHT-4-LIFE Programme.

- **Small Group Therapy** programme, (**SGT**). To offer our younger groups (under 15), the opportunity to meet up and discuss in peer groups any problems they are facing, like **discrimination in school**, or the **early stages of medical fatigue**, (*it's draining to be on this drug regime all your life*). We have had one group of girls already... and Mihaela, (our counsellor/ social worker), says it was inspiring to see the girls being so open and honest with each other about their problems. It's the boys turn next month...not renowned for their communication 😊



Georgie, Alina, Elisa & Steffi – S.G.T. Group

- **Counselling/ Therapy** programme, (**C/TP**). This programme includes **Mother & Baby** counselling, and **Respite Care** for the families with handicapped children.
- **Food Self-Sufficiency Programme,(FSSP)**.. To encourage the families to fend for themselves regarding food supply. Cosmin, (Assistant Manager) has already been out delivering some **fertilized eggs to be incubated**, and **some seedlings** to start the families off this year.
- **Family Greenhouse** programme, (**FGH**). **We already have 17 families within the FGH programme**, and plan another one in the next couple of months. This programme is vital if families are to be totally self sufficient regarding fresh vegetable supply.
- **‘Joy in my Heart’** programme,(**JIMH**). This programme is designed to bring a little joy into the younger children’s lives. Included in this programme are; the **Easter trip**, **Birthday** celebrations, **Summer Day Trips, (SDTs)**, (June-Sept).
- **Community Project (CP)**. This is our basic project and includes **emergency health interventions**, **educational supplies**, and social problem interventions.

So there we are...we have all the ingredients for this work to flourish except one... we need the nourishment that only YOU can bring...(notice I didn't say we need fertilizer☺).

This is the opportunity you have to grow too...to develop your compassion, **the vital thread that binds us together**,,,no matter our colour, creed or financial status, we all believe that **these children, youngsters or families are 'everyone's' responsibility.**

Only with your continued support through:

- **the 777-Club,**
- supporting our **2 charity shops,** and
- entering/ sponsoring our annual events, **the walk and cycle marathon,**

can we hope to provide the support these innocent and disadvantaged children/ young people deserve.



My deepest thanks, love & blessings to you and yours for your tireless support for our *small but beautifully formed charity*...EVERYONE'S CHILD ROMANIA ☺

Paul, Alina, Cosmin & Mihaela x