

**1 Chronicles 16:34 (NIV)** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

How privileged we are to be loved by such a wonderful God!! All the glory goes to Him!!

## THANKS

As well as thanking God, let us take this opportunity to thank you, too, for your faithful prayers and support. Thank you for reading this letter, and for holding us up in your prayers. Our ministry depends on you as much as us; we appreciate your back-up as we continue to serve Jesus on the front line.

## CURRENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES

We thank God that He is guiding and leading us, and using us as we integrate into the local community and church. Each day we seek Him for His further “orders”, and are in discussion on a regular basis with Pastor John and other leaders for their input and advice.

Ian works two shifts each week at PADS, where he serves breakfast to the clients and is getting to know them better. He has had some opportunities to share his faith with certain people, both clients and other volunteers, and we are delighted that some of the homeless are attending our church regularly. Please pray especially for Morgan, Michelle, Nicol, Katie, Vicky and Anthony.

Although he has not had paid work at the church for some weeks, Ian continues to help friends with mechanical problems, and is involved in a weekly men's prayer meeting and a small group. He is also currently doing some jobs at Ottawa Prayer Centre, whose work is expanding and stretching further afield.

Sue works two morning each week at Lilypads Too, and runs A Good Yarn, a small group for knitters and crocheters. One lady is attending the group because she “likes to laugh and talk”, so that sums up the group in a nutshell!! Each week, Sue attends several counselling appointments alongside Pastor John, and is continuing to learn and understand more about this whole field. The second part of her course at Lombard went well, and she is also part of a group at Ottawa Prayer Centre which is working towards setting up a branch of ministry for those suffering from mental disorders. Sue is excited to be involved, and is praying about her role as leader of a group for people with PTSD.

We are both attending a further small group led by Pastor John, and will shortly be helping set up, prepare, serve and clear up a Community Meal held at CCC at the end of March. Cup of Cold Water Ministries (CCWM) is having a work day in early May, and we will both be there to help, as well as a volunteer gathering in April, allowing us to support the work of this missions organisation. Further events at Cup are happening throughout the summer, and will be featured in future editions of this letter.

## HOUSE NEWS

After finally selling our Romanian house at the beginning of February, we are excited to announce that God has provided us with a house here in Ottawa! By the time you receive this letter, we will have completed on the sale and be working hard to get it livable before moving in, hopefully sometime in the next couple of months. Thanks to John and Glenda, we will be able to stay in the apartment while we do most of the work, which will be a huge help, as much of it will be dirty and dusty. It is big enough to enable us to host meetings, and will have a spare room, so please start making your bookings now for future visits!

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

Buying and renovating the house with the proceeds of the sale of our Romanian home will be a challenge; thank God that He has provided a home at a very good price, and that we will have some money in hand to allow us to do the necessary work on the downstairs before we move in (the upstairs will have to wait until we have the time and money to get it shipshape).

On a monthly basis, however, we may be struggling to make ends meet.

Ian is allowed to earn money only through the church, and Sue can't work for money at all.

The cost of living here in the States is far higher than that in Romania. Examples of this are:

House taxes cost us less than 50 dollars per year in Romania, but will be around 2,000 dollars here.,

Medical insurance for us both amounted to around 140 dollars per annum back there, whilst here we are paying 300 dollars per month....

Please continue to pray for us, that God will provide the income we need. We are hoping and praying that we will be able to apply for better, more permanent visas once our current one is used up (of course, we'll apply before that!!), but for now we are stuck with obeying the stipulations of our current visas (for which we are grateful). God is in control, and we trust Him for provision as we always have. He's never let us down yet, and we are certain He never will, but we have to make our needs known and ask for prayer from those who support and love us.

## ROMANIA

Things are going along as usual in the Gypsy village and in Brodina, where Misu and Livia are now living permanently. We keep in contact with them fairly regularly, and are delighted that the work is continuing. J.A.R.S. will once again be sending finance to cover the Easter parcels to be distributed by Viorica and Petrica to the families in Voivodeasa. Please keep praying for them all, also for the work of the school in Iasi.

J.A.R.S.

Our recent Trustees' Meeting took place via Skype, and as always went very well. We are expecting some changes up ahead which will be announced next time, but please be praying that we and the Trustees will make the right decisions that are in line with God's will.

Once again, we thank you for all you are and do; may God bless you for your faithfulness towards us and our ministry.