

Dear friends, we wish you all a blessed Christmas and New Year!!

Once again, we thank you for your support and prayers since our last missive.

Although we are still in the U.K., we are now in a period of more specific waiting than at the last time of writing.

On the first of November, we heard from the church in Ottawa that U.S. Immigration had made a surprise visit to check them out and that the church had passed whatever test was necessary. The lawyer dealing with the visa applications has told us that, USUALLY, the process is complete four to six weeks after the church is cleared. We will then have to make an appointment for interviews at the London Embassy, after which the visas will be sent to us by courier. ONLY THEN will we be able to book our flights to Chicago. We expect, as things stand, to leave the U.K. early in the new year, but as always, we are trusting God for His perfect timing.

In recent weeks, since Ian's dad came home from hospital, we have been kept busy visiting him and also catching up with Sue's side of the family. Ian has recently repaired a couple of problems on the truck, and we have, of course, been preparing for Christmas, which we expect to spend with family here in Blighty.

Sue is still receiving treatment from an osteopath and is seeing good results. The costs of this treatment are high, but it seems right to try to deal with long-term problems before we leave for the States.

ROMANIAN news is that the Canteen at Voivodeasa is still being run on a weekly basis. This work is essential, especially as the weather deteriorates, and Petrica and Viorica remain determined to continue. Some weeks they only have the funds to serve sandwiches, but they are true to God's call and, in addition to feeding hungry mouths, they often have a houseful of people, many of whom find solace and love as they chat together and share their faith.

Petrica and Viorica are also continuing to put together and distribute the Christmas parcels to every family in the village. These will include the usual calendar with Scripture texts.

Misu and Livia have finished their many camps and conferences, and are preparing to leave the camp site at Brodina after several months. They, too, will be giving out parcels fairly shortly.

J.A.R.S. is sending finance for the Gypsy parcels and is also donating its bi-annual gift to Hannah, to enable their recipients to receive gifts (including the calendars) containing food and a few treats at Christmas.

PRAYER POINTS include:

The VISAS being granted and the logistics of our trip to London working out.

The SALE of our HOUSE in Volovat – we would love to see it sold before we leave for Ottawa.

The SALE of the TRUCK, that this, too, would happen at the right time, not leaving us without transport for too long before we go.

For all our FUTURE life and ministry. At present, we expect to be working with the homeless as well as in the church in Ottawa, helping and encouraging those who have a heart for mission and outreach. God knows what is ahead, and we ask your prayers for discernment and clarity as we step

out into a new mission field with Him.

On a personal note, we'd value prayer for our needs regarding a HOME, enough FINANCE to allow us to live in the States (the cost of living, of course, is much higher than in Romania – we think especially of the MEDICAL INSURANCE) and that we will INTEGRATE into the church and community, willing to serve and be served as God desires.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.... Ephesians 3, v.20.

In His name, Ian and Sue.

P.S. WE APOLOGISE to any who support us financially on a regular basis, and who have not received our usual thank you letter recently; we have done all we can to remember you all (we don't have the database with us in the U.K.), but may have missed out some supporters – if that is you, please forgive us.