

## **Lamentations 3:22-23**

22: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

23: they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

He is Sovereign. We **KNOW** that He is faithful, and that He will keep His promises.

## **WHY ARE WE WAITING??**

Although still in Blighty, we continue to pray and trust God for His timing on our move to the States.

Frustrating it may be, but from long experience we have faith that His plans will come to pass.

A recent inquiry by Pastor John in Ottawa of the Immigration department revealed that our application is fine, and that he will hear something by the 8<sup>th</sup> February at the latest; once he receives the approval documents, he will courier them to us, at which point we will be able to make an appointment for interviews at the embassy in London. Once these are over, the embassy will courier the visas to us, and we will be able to book our flights to Chicago.

We are very encouraged by messages from friends and supporters both here and from Romania and the States. These messages bless us more than we can say, and we thank all those who are praying and cheering us on.

Good news recently is that we have had two inquiries about the house in Volovat, and one about our truck, which is not even officially for sale yet!

God is moving, we are certain, and we look forward to updating you soon with positive news re our move to pastures new.

## **ROMANIA NEWS**

A recent email from MISU and LIVIA outlined their plans and vision for this new year.

For many years, J.A.R.S. has donated £100 per month towards grocery parcels given out by Hannah to elderly people in and around Radauti. Hannah also gives clothing and food to various other families as and when needed, on an ad hoc basis.

The update we have received tells of their plans to increase this giving, starting with three families and hopefully building up to more families as finance permits. The main scope of this giving is to enable the families to keep their children in education.

All three of the families are struggling to make ends meet, and to keep their children in school. If you would like more details of each specific family, please let us know and we can pass on the translation of Misu's email.

In addition to this project, Misu and Livia plan to run six children's and young people's camps during the summer months of 2018. Two of these are already paid for, but for the other four funding is needed.

PETRICA and VIORICA are also continuing with their witness in Voivodeasa. A recent phone call assured us that they still have an open house, where people from the village come to chat and share their problems and needs with this amazing couple, and, in addition to a hot drink and whatever food they have, their guests receive sound advice and prayer.

The canteen is not currently happening, due to a lack of venue; the kitchen at the church has no form of heating, making it impossible to host a meal there (the temperatures, although mild this winter, have got

down to around -15). For as long as possible, Petrica and Viorica hosted the meal in their own courtyard, but of course this is also not suitable at this time of year. We are looking into the possibility of funding stoves for the church hall, but need to be sure that our friends will be able to use it for the canteen each week before putting money into a building which is usually used only two or three times each year.

The usual **CHRISTMAS PARCEL** distribution took place in December, when every family in the village received a bag of groceries, toiletries and a Scripture calendar. This venture was as always funded by J.A.R.S., but the hard work of buying, bagging up and delivery was undertaken with joy by Petrica and Viorica. All the recipients were delighted that we continue to think of and pray for the village, and helped by the gifts they received to enjoy a family Christmas.



Viorica with the food and two people collecting their parcels.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

Please pray for all the above, especially for:

The release of the approval papers for our visas, and for the logistics of obtaining these crucial items.

The sale of the house and truck at good prices and at the right time.

The move to Ottawa, and all that it entails.

The new endeavour by Misu and Livia as they seek to share God's love with these families in Radauti.

The continued witness in Voivodeasa, that many will see the true meaning of Christianity as Petrica and Viorica show God's love in a quiet and caring way.

For the problem of a venue for the canteen.

## **THANK YOU**

As always, we thank you for your faithful prayers and support as we strive to serve God, and to move into His next area of ministry.