

ROMANIA UPDATE

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Where are they now?

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 200 or so people who have travelled on teams with us since we started? Well here is Sharon Eason's story written in July 2009 ...

My first experience of Moldova was the summer of 1998. I was invited to be part of a team with Mid Herts Churches Romania Relief which was headed up by the then curate of my church, Laurence Biggs.

I was thrilled when my daughter, Samantha who was 19 yrs old at the time, decided to come with me; we were both brand new Christians. It was a real challenge to adapt to such a different culture but it seemed to have the same affect on all of the team, we just fell in love with the place.



My daughter answered a plea from the Director of the school to teach English to the children and immediately started plans to live in Risipeni (the village in which we had been working) for a gap year experience. Samantha moved out to Risipeni in the September of 1998 (This was to change her life as inevitably she fell in love with a local lad, Leo Sandu and is now married to him and has two children and another on the way.)

I visited Samantha in the winter of 1998/9 and had a very difficult time getting into the country. It had snowed fiercely and was very cold; I discovered that on my arrival, I had the wrong visa and was marched away by armed guards to be detained by the authorities until someone from the village could come and rescue me.



I was indeed rescued and my travelling companion Pavel (the older brother of Leo as it happens) arranged for me to obtain the correct visa and to get safely to the village - although we did spend the whole day on the boarder due to the poor weather conditions. It was as we were travelling in a stranger's car to the village that I felt a real move of Gods spirit in me. I looked

out onto a very grey day, lots of ice and slush, the people seemed grey and very miserable but at that moment I was overwhelmed with a sense of love for them and felt sure that someday I would be serving here full time but didn't know when that would be.

I visited Moldova for the following two summers and also took groups of young people to Romania and Poland but it was following my divorce in 2005 that I really felt the call to come back to Moldova. In 2007 I was granted a 3 month sabbatical from my then employers, Urban Saints, and in 2008 I moved here to serve. The project, to refurbish a large building into a home for the elderly (the lost, abandoned and forgotten) commences next week and if you want to read more detail, check out my blog on The Gift of love Foundation.....
<http://getjealous.com/risipeni>

I am supported and sent by my church, Hitchin Christian Centre, who are an incredible encouragement to me. The Gift of love foundation is based on Acts 4, 18-19 and everything is driven by this scripture. My desire is to awaken communities out here to care for and to love one another as Jesus loved, especially across the church fellowships and to encourage churches to work together regardless of their denominations. I believe this will release a blessing from heaven that we won't be able to contain!

As a charity we are very keen to support Sharon in her new work, which in many ways dove tails with our own. She is currently in the process of raising £16,000 to make this project a reality and any help you can give should be sent to Romania Care and we will forward it to her - don't forget you can give online using www.CAFOnline.org - there's a link from our web site www.RomaniaCare.com!

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Other news ...

Thanks to your help we have been able to purchase a new grass cutter for Casa Victor, and help Pastor Costel Ciocoi with heating for his new kindergarten and dispensary (see last newsletter).

In November 2008 we were asked by Dr Puscasu, Bethesda Foundation, for approval for an application to the EU for funds to double the capacity of Casa Victor—such is the success of this project.

Irina Vatamanu, our worker in Romania is now Irina Forgaci, having married Ovidiu at the end of May. Our congratulations to them!

Work on the site at Casa Irina continues. The fence is currently being erected, the second building is now complete and we continue to look at how best to fully use the building. After school club, day centre for the elderly, christian centre ...



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