

## GOD'S GRACIOUS PROVISION

We are so thankful to God for all the financial help we receive from our band of individual supporters and churches, who donate towards the work of the charity. We really do find the regular income that Standing Orders provide, a real blessing, so if you are not already doing so, would you consider giving a regular monthly donation to The Sunflower Fellowship Romania? If so, give us a ring or send us an email (details below) and we will send you a simple form that you can complete.

We look forward to meeting as many supporters as possible at our annual Celebration this September, when Gabriela and Adrian will be with us.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. For all the children who have had a holiday this summer that they will think about all they have experienced of God's love
2. For the local children who attended the Holiday Bible School and the follow-up meetings on Wednesday afternoons
3. For the new Social Programme group yet to be selected (10-12 of the most needy boys and girls from Cataloi village)
4. For our staff as they recover from the very busy holiday season
5. After such a busy holiday period this summer (with more than 20 children most weeks) charity funds are rather low. Please pray that God will provide the necessary funds for the coming autumn.

**Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Let us praise God for His glorious grace, for the free gift He gave us in His dear Son!**

*Ephesians 1 verses 3 & 6*

## Sunflower Celebration

**Saturday 23rd September 2017**

**3.30 p.m. at Pilgrims Hatch Mission**

**(20 Hatch Road, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood, CM15 9PX)**

If you are able to, do join us in praise for all that God has achieved at Casa Valentin over the past financial year.

**Gabriela and Pastor Adrian Popa**

**will be with us again this year to meet you in person**

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# Sunflower Seeds

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SUNFLOWER FELLOWSHIP ROMANIA

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## Summertime at Casa Valentin



To the end of August 218 children have had a holiday and there will be one more group to come in September. As usual they have all enjoyed fun outdoors, good food, and interesting activities in Casa Valentin and at the Baptist Church.



The grounds at Casa Valentin were flooded again this summer, but thankfully the water stopped short of entering the house, so these sandbags were not needed. Our staff worked hard to clear up the mud.

## SUMMER VISITORS TO CASA VALENTIN



### JUNE

Picking ripe cherries in the orchard at Casa Valentin and eating them, is really popular! So is water fun in the shade as the temperature even rose to 41°C!

### JUNE

Summer school holidays start in mid-June in Romania so in the 1st two weeks 44 children enjoyed HOT weather



### LATER JULY

A group of children with special needs, including a number using wheel-chairs from Slobozia, with some parents and extra carers, enabled the families to relax and enjoy their holiday together. It seems balloons are as popular in Romania as anywhere else in the world!



## HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB



### EARLY JULY

Games like this one are played indoors when it's too hot outside, along with craft activities. During the summer each child has taken home a tee-shirt that they have decorated themselves. They have also painted their own china mugs.



### EARLY AUGUST

A group from the Church-on-the-Heath, Elvetham, Fleet, led a Holiday Bible Club (called "All Aboard!") for Cataloi village children and those on holiday the 1st week in August.

### EARLY JULY

The newly donated Candy Floss machine has produced countless candy sticks, which were enjoyed by the holiday children. This also proved very comforting for the group with special needs, when the flood water almost reached Casa Valentin.



### EARLY AUGUST

An average of 40 children each day enjoyed outdoor games, watched Bible stories being acted and explained. They also learnt a new song and took part in various craft activities. At the Baptist Church small areas were provided for children to pray together.

