IMPROVEMENTS AT CASA VALENTIN



Thanks to the British Toy Trust, our sports field at Casa Valentin has been upgraded with new seating and has been completely re-turfed, as you can see. The new seating around the edge is weather resistant and the new football goals are very popular with boys and girls alike! There is also a junior size

basket ball goal attached to the house which the younger children enjoy.

Inside the house the pvc doors that have been installed to fill the archway into the room, have living made a huge difference to the warmth inside, as well as reducing the cost of the Central Heating. Many thanks to all who have contributed to our appeal in the last newsletter.



We are grateful to God for all His blessings, and thankful to all of you for your gifts and prayers for the ongoing work at Casa Valentin.

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Children at Casa Valentin enjoy craftwork which helps them to understand and remember the Easter story. Romanian children traditionally paint their hard-boiled eggs with bright colours to remind them of the stone the angel rolled back from Jesus' tomb and the new life His resurrection brings to all who believe in Him.



We wish all our supporters a happy and peaceful Easter!

"The angel said to the women 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." — Matthew 28 verses 5-6.

CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN CATALOI



All the side roads in Cataloi are mud tracks, so when it's really wet and slippery, our staff go up to the school to take the activities they would have done at Casa Valentin.



Last Christmas we were able to send 141 shoe boxes so that every child in the village aged 3 to 14 received one, either at Casa Valentin or the school if the weather was too bad. They were given as an expression of God's love to all children. All the children love to come to Casa Valentin and sometimes, even persuade their teachers to bring them when the weather is bad! The Kindergarten children love to play in the toy house.



The programme this year is "The Season Express". They learn that God provides the seasons. Here they are playing an indoor version of snowballs with screwed up paper as it is snowing outside.



SOCIAL PROGRAMME CHILDREN

One of the main aims of the Programme is to help less able children with their homework. Here, they are hard at work completing their current project books, and receive extra help to understand their work when necessary.





Each child has a special cake made for them on their birthday, which they are keen to share with their friends — after their homework is finished!

Like all children, "all work and no play" is very unpopular. So here they are having fun with all shapes and sizes of balloons. They also love singing along with Pastor Adrian and his guitar.





Snowy weather brings out the inevitable sledges. The slope down to the house from the main road is particularly good. This winter shoes and boots for the children have been supplied by a firm in the Netherlands.