

# BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY!

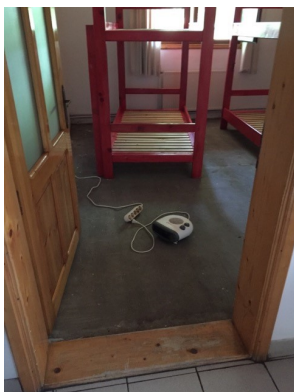
We promised you in the last edition of Sunflower Seeds that we would show some pictures of the flooding that occurred one summer morning at Casa Valentin. Pastor Adrian and his two sons together with Costel, the husband of one of our carers — Cornelia, worked long hours cleaning up the mess left by the flood, and replacing damaged flooring and pipes. They certainly worked beyond the call of duty for virtually a whole week!



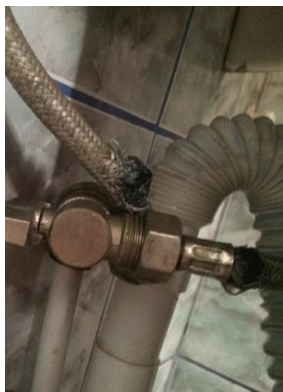
*Moving the wet furniture*



*Unloading laminate boards*



*Drying the floors !*



*Broken pipes*



*Laying laminates*

*"A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And He will be our ruler. He will be called, 'Wonderful Counsellor,' 'Mighty God,' 'Eternal Father,' 'Prince of Peace.'" — Isaiah chapter 9 verse 6.*

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# Sunflower Seeds

**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SUNFLOWER FELLOWSHIP ROMANIA**  
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**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**  
**TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS!**



*Shoe boxes arrive in their crates*



*Ani and friends open crates*

**GOOD NEWS!**

This year we have been able to send 324 shoe boxes to Romania. They have now arrived at Casa Valentin and will soon be distributed to every child aged from 3 to 14 years in the villages of Cataloi and Frecatei. This is what Pastor Adrian said when he knew how many boxes to expect::

*"One sad story is that in past years the parents of these children have mostly relied on the gifts sent from you. Usually parents think about presents for their own children and prepare for them, but some parents told us this week that they continue to pray that there will be gifts for them this year, because things go difficult regarding money, and it is not easy for them to pay for some gifts. So what you are sending is a blessing! Your gift for MOST of the children is THE gift for Christmas!"*

Remember that when you open your parcels this Christmas. We are so grateful to everyone who has made this distribution possible once more this Christmas and brought blessing on the poor children of Cataloi and Fricatei.





ALEXANDRU (10)



AUREL (9)



CRISTIAN (7)



GABRIEL (9)



DENISA (7)

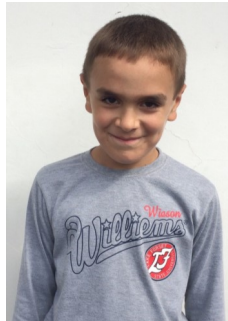


MARIUS (12)



GEORGE (6)

These are the latest group of young people taking part in our Social Programme



MIHAITA (9)



STEFAN (6)

Below are some pictures of them helping Ani unload the Christmas Shoe Boxes



Helping Ani unload the crates and...



...forming a chain to pass boxes...



...through the window...



...and onto the beds...



...ready for the children



The Social Programme young people will give a puppet show to the Kindergarten and Junior children...



...explaining how the Christmas story is all about the greatest GIFT of all...  
The Lord Jesus Christ!

