

AS TIME GOES BY AT CASA VALENTIN

THINGS NEED REPLACING!

We are most grateful to everyone who donated one or more new trees for the orchard last Easter. These new trees are now beginning to provide fruit for the children.

This year, the life of our oldest washing machine and the extractor fan for the cooker have come to an end, and both need replacing urgently. The cost of a new Hotpoint Washing Machine in Romania is around £300 and the replacement extractor fan between £150 and £200. All donations toward this necessary expenditure would be greatly appreciated.

VISIT OF GABRIELA AND ADRIAN TO THE UK



Leaving the snow behind in Romania, our manager Gabriela and her husband Pastor Adrian arrived in the UK recently for their spring visit. They joined in a Lent lunch at Chelmsford Central Baptist Church Thursday Fellowship, and answered questions about their work at Casa Valentin. It wasn't long, however, before they met up with an English snowstorm on the day we had planned a Cream Tea event for supporters! Thankfully, 24 of the 48 people invited were able to enjoy the cream tea that followed their video presentation.

SHOE BOXES NEEDED

We needed just 40 more shoe boxes last year, to enable us to give every child in the 'communa' (district of 4 villages) a Christmas gift. Could your church or group help us out this year by providing a number of boxes filled with toys, stationery, toiletries, sweets etc? We can provide instruction sheets explaining how to pack the boxes and what to put in them if you contact us at address below. Every box counts, so even if you can only provide a few, we will be very grateful — and so will the children!



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HRISTOS A INVIAT! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

Although this issue goes to press after Easter in the UK, our friends in Romania celebrate Easter this coming weekend, and join us in wishing you every blessing as together we thank God that His only Son has risen from the dead and is alive for evermore!



This is an Easter decoration illustrating the last seven days of Jesus' life made by children at Casa Valentin.

Mark 16 verse 6: "I Know you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here — He has been raised!"

SCHOOL VISITS TO CASA VALENTIN

During the autumn term last year two nearby village schools heard about the educational programme for Cataloi children at Casa Valentin, and asked if they could join in too. So we now have visits from children in the Kindergartens of Posta, Frecatei and Telita as well as Cataloi. Then we also have primary school children from the two largest villages — Frecatei and Cataloi. Below are pictures of the children taking part in various activities, which are planned by Gabriela and Ani with help from the rest of our staff.



One of our staff members, Violeta (1st picture left below) left us a few years ago to care for her son, Emanuel until he started school in Tulcea near his home. Recently, Violeta spoke at the school about her work since returning full-time to Casa Valentin, and the school teachers were so impressed with her story, that two of them asked if their classes could visit Casa Valentin as well. They have visited once so far, and hope to come again. Unlike the schools in the communa who provide a school bus to transport the children, the Tulcea school has to hire a bus specially for the visit.

