



Recently we asked supporters who purchased items from Amazon to join "Amazon Smile" so that we could receive a bonus 0.05% donation from Amazon free of charge to the charity. We have already received a donation for the first quarter amounting to £8.71 which represents £1,600 of purchases! The more people we can interest, means that our charity funds will benefit even more.

A number of people have suggested that some of their friends would be happy to buy goods from Amazon in this way, so we are enclosing four copies of the information for you to cut up and distribute to your friends if you and they are happy to support us. Thank you if you are able to gain additional support via Amazon Smile.

CALLING KNITTERS!

We like to put small hand-knitted items like hats, scarves and mittens, in shoe boxes each Christmas, to help the children cope with the severe winter weather. We are grateful for all such items we receive, but don't usually have as many pairs of mittens (with thumbs, but NOT fingers). Perhaps you could use up oddments of wool you have — the mittens can be plain, coloured or striped! We need them to fit the age groups 3-6 years, 7-10 years, 11-14 years, and would be very grateful for any you can make and send to us at our address below.



STAFF SALARIES

Salary increases for our very deserving staff have been set by the Romanian Government. While we are pleased for our staff to receive this, it does mean an increase of £200 each month for expenses. Please pray that the Lord will provide for this as well as the salary for an extra member of staff. This is needed for the 3 summer months of visiting holiday children, to cover night shifts etc.

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HAPPY EASTER

From everyone at Casa Valentin!

This year the Orthodox Church in Romania celebrates Easter a week later than we do. The children from four local schools are learning about the last



week in Jesus' life, His entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, His arrest, His crucifixion, and His resurrection.

If the weather is warm when children arrive, they are able to spend some



of their time out in the grounds of Casa Valentin. The rest of the time Ani applies Christian teaching to their school curriculum.

Please pray for the carers, Ani, Cornelia, Nina and Violeta as they show these boys and girls true Christian love and concern.

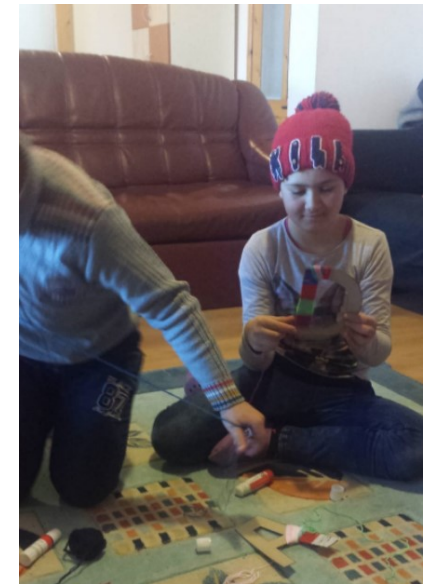
Matthew 27 verse 54: *"When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus saw all that had happened, they exclaimed, 'Surely He was the Son of God!'"*



Above: Choosing their coloured wools for the first letter of their name.

Right: Getting started on their work.

Below: the finished letters.



Left: This girl likes pink! She is also pleased to show you her letter.

Above: notice the concentration and the woolly hats, often worn indoors — even in springtime!



SOCIAL PROGRAMME CHILDREN SHOWING THEIR CRAFTWORK

Gabriela (our manager), tells us that “apart from homework, games, Bible teaching, food and health issues... children also need to go through developing their practical skills and abilities. In these pictures they are learning how to decorate, using coloured wools.”

Soon they will be starting on their Easter craftwork as they hear again the story of our Lord Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection

Gabriela also says: “The children wish you all a bright, sunny and healthy spring (in Romanian!) so... please do have a lovely spring!”