

PROJECT ROMANIA

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2012

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February 2012 Trip to Seica Mare - snow and ice, temps below freezing much of the time, very little water **ALL** the time, **NO** water some of the time! (Washing was interesting!) Health issues, and travelling issues with new now falling were resolved swiftly through prayer, and that was encouraging. Issues re the lease for the Centre were not so straight forward. However, *God was there*; leading along new paths, listening to prayer, reassuring that He had His plan; saying 'Be still, and know that I am God' (Ps 46 v 10)



Despite the cold

the children in school were so happy to 'play' the instruments taken out for the Rainbow Centre to use with the schools. Now many will be able to learn ...



Patron : Sir Graham Watson MEP
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NEWS from COMUNA SEICA MARE

DENISA - this 9 year old little girl with Spina Bifida has deteriorated and is in constant pain. Last year **YOU** helped raise **£1800** for her operation, but her poor health caused a delay. Now, having seen a new, more reliable specialist, she awaits metal rods needed for her back but they cost a **further £600.00**. Currently severe scoliosis prevents her from sitting up, and soon breathing will become almost impossible - she **desperately needs this surgery** - *can we raise the extra money to help her ?*



ELENA - this beautiful little 2 year old had her deformed left leg amputated and thus needs her prosthesis changing as she grows, so she can learn to walk! For her very poor family this is an impossibility. Florin is finding out how much they need.



MARIUS - is very happily awaiting a specialised gadget for his computer mouse - identified with help from Frenchay Hospital. It will be taken over in June, & then he'll no longer need to use his nose and lips to move the mouse and use the keys. For someone whose life has been confined to a chair or a bed he's amazingly cheery and always praising God for all the blessings he receives - to visit him is a heart-warming experience



THE RAINBOW CENTRE - During the winter Table Tennis has been in full swing. Some evenings more than 25 village youngsters come to play. They've made great progress, improving their skills over the months, and now several team competitions and inter-village tournaments are being planned for spring and summer. However, to expand the work and employ staff the Centre needs



- A SECURE 49 YEAR LEASE. This will take at least 6 months as it has a peppercorn rent & must be advertised. Seica Mare Council spent over £2,000.00 on 'searches' to get correct paperwork for the Centre, and want the lease to stay local. So the mayor started a new NGO, with keen people who want to work with Project Romania and help their commune move forward. On reflection, this is a good thing - a village group doing something constructive on a voluntary basis. The new NGO want the Centre to have a clear Christian basis. The 'down' side is that fund-raising is delayed so the 'new build' and 3 more cabins will now be next year. **We still hope to get some things done this year through local fund raising in the UK -**

- Bunk beds, linen and mattresses for the existing 3 cabins
- A Minibus, vital for use at the Centre

NEWS from CHARD (Twinned with SEICA MARE)

THE AUGUST 'STREETSPACE' TRIP is well under way with flights booked. Six boys will help renovate an old cabin in the front yard of the Rainbow Centre - new floor, new roof tiles, gutter repairs, cleaning & painting, building cupboards etc. When completed, it will be the responsibility of local doctors to run as a Pharmacy, with a budget targeted for low income families, saving a round trip of 12 miles to get just a pain killer or prescription medicines.



Please support Streetspace fundraising events

26th May Family Quiz Night, Chard Rugby Club

24th June Bike Rally with BBQ at Chard Rugby Club

Both events run with 4 Aces Bikers for Charity

9th June 930 - 1200 Buckland St Mary Coffee Morning

14th July - 11am to 4pm Community Day at Henson Park, a free event open to all young people. A Silent Auction will coincide with this event.

If you know anyone who'd hold a stall/ run an event please contact Tracey Hallett, Youth Worker Streetspace, Chard. 07772793474

THE TRANSYLVANIA TREKATHON - in June a Project Romania team will walk 80 kms thro' 'Wild Carpathia' -

land of **VLAD** - the Impaler Prince

(8km will be on *mountain bikes!*)



In future years this sponsored walk will help the Centre to be self-supporting and will be offered to 6th Form students for their International Baccalaureate. They'll experience traditional Saxon/Romanian culture and see rare flora and fauna - orchids, bear & wolf tracks, lesser spotted eagles, etc.



So, watch for a sponsor form soon, please, and remember - these 1st walkers are not teenagers - this is a gallant undertaking!!!

**PROJECT ROMANIA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7.30 pm on May 8th
at
St Mary's Church Rooms**



**PLEASE
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