

P.R.R. Newsletter November 2022 – January 2023

When you bless others, you are blessed

We strongly believe in the bible verse that says “The one who blesses others, is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped” (Proverbs 11:25). Not only that, but we try our best to really live it, to be a channel of God’s blessing for many people. At the end of last year we experienced that principle a lot – as we distributed all we had, more and more resources we received to continue the project of assisting those in need.

OUR EVERYDAY MISSION

As a project, we are called to help the less fortunate in our Constanța area. During these three months, as winter was starting to claim its rights, for some life got harder. We distributed food, stoves, and Christmas presents to four families in Siliștea village and a few children beds in Cuza Vodă village. We came along a family in Valu lui Traian village by renovating two rooms of their poor house and buying kitchen furniture for them. This family was risking losing their children because of their material limitations, so we praise God for the hope we could bring to their home.



MISSIONS IN PARTNERSHIP

Together with guests from England, we served many people in various places in Constanta County in December, helped by our resident boys in Casa Benjamin and other volunteers. Although our guests are old, we even reached Ukraine together to bless the people in need there. We visited together the nursing home and the leper house in Tichilești village, Tulcea County, places they love to bless especially at Christmas time.



We also organized visits to the assisted families in Tortomanu, Galeșu, Ciocârlia, Poarta Albă, Babadag villages and the day care centers our guests support in those places. The ministers of each center organized early Christmas celebrations, so that our guests could take part, with carols, Christmas presents, and nice meals/traditional meals.



CASA BENJAMIN

We commend our Casa Benjamin boys – they were very hardworking and sensitive especially in December: they joined our guests shopping for the needy families from the above listed villages and for the people of Ukraine; they carried all the goods and helped with making the parcels. They even wanted to visit the assisted families and were happy to see the joy those on the eve of the holidays.



Even if they are not small anymore, our resident children enjoyed very much presents Saint Nicholas brought them, and also Christmas presents. They had peaceful holidays, kept in touch with relatives and friends, participated in a carol concert by the church orchestra from Murfatlar town.

Four of them joined the church's youth group in Murfatlar for carol rehearsals and went carol singing – a special experience, as this happens less and less these days. They had special visits of old and sweet friends of PRR 😊



...Our boys had shopping sessions for themselves in December 😊



Of course, like in every family, our children were happy to take part in the preparations for Christmas and the New Year's Eve - cleaning and decorating the house and cooking our traditional dishes, they enjoy a lot.

Our tradition for Christmas continued in 2022 too. In a festive atmosphere, PRR as a family celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ as a 100% man and 100% God. Our hearts were 100% grateful and thankful for the gift of life and eternal salvation provided by His perfect life and sacrifice. Carols were sung by our guests and our team. The cheerfulness continued while serving a nice traditional meal together. Every child had his Christmas present and was 100% happy 😊



Our team, 100% for Jesus Christ

DAY CARE CENTRE IN SIMINOC

This project is a very nice surprise of God for us, and, of course, we are so happy to make things happen there. We have an excellent collaboration with Murfatlar town hall that issued a council decision, based on which PRR uses free of charge the cultural centre of Siminoc village to be a help with homework for the children with limited resources, the local authorities undertaking to cover the expenses for electricity and water and buying two air conditioning units. PRR came with the staff for this afterschool program, with the work force to renovate the building and also with its contacts; one of them, Chimpex S.A., sponsoring all the improvements to the building – renovations and equipment. On top of all of that, they also allotted a generous amount of money for each child attending the program to be bought the things they needed (the staff of the center did the shopping).



Since the inauguration of the afterschool, the attending children already were involved in a special social event, they sang patriotic songs on our National Day (1st of December) at the Murfatlar town hall. ☺

Improvements to the building

By its inauguration, the cultural center had one room and the hall way painted, the windows fixed, and all the door handles replaced. In the yard, a concrete slab was poured and two Turkish toilets were installed. PRR also paid for electrical upgrades and the installation of the two air conditioning units.

Thanks to our friends from Chimpex, during the Christmas holiday the activity room was completely renovated, like one can see in the two pictures on the right: the laminate flooring was removed, the wood under it as well; concrete was poured and tiles were laid; the walls were plastered and painted after the cardboard paneling was also removed. Plus, Chimpex equipped this room with new desks and chairs for the children, TV, laptop, printer, and a big audio speaker. Chimpex also paid for new kitchen furniture, hanger for clothes and shoes in the hallway, ping pong table, heating guns in the activity room. PRR paid a man to paint the looong fence of the cultural house, so the whole property has a much improved appearance now.



For the Christmas season, our partners from Hope Partners International bought a nice winter tree, with all the ornaments and installation and Christmas presents for the children of the program. Christmas Presents came from Spain too, for all the children and their siblings! **A big thank you to our friends and partners!**

December 22nd – the first Christmas celebration of our day center where the children sang carols and Jesus was celebrated in our midst. The cultural house was full - family members of the children, officials of the place, the Mayor and the Vice Mayor, the Director of the Social Assistance Dept. and other representatives of the town hall in Murfatlar and our special guests from Chimpex S.A. including their CEO. Our friends from Chimpex S.A. sponsored the whole event (tables arranged with nice tablecloths and ornaments, lovely food and Christmas presents for every child present) and also had large food parcels and a tone of fire wood for each family of the beneficiaries of the program. Simply memorable!



UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Our Ukrainian neighbors who are assisted temporarily in Constanța area are safe and well, but they dream of their loved ones, their country, and their normal life. We did our best, in partnership with various entities, to bring a sense of peace, acceptance and hope to their hearts.

✚ **Marea Neagră hotel** – we assist 50 people there with three meals a day, everything they need to care for their body, clothing, toiletries etc. A psychologist offers them counseling through a translator.



✚ **Scandinavia hotel** – 87 people assisted there. They are also helped with three meals a day, clothing, personal hygiene products, daily activities with the children, all sorts of games. They are provided with devices to have online classes in Ukrainian. Through a translator, they have counseling sessions with a psychologist; they see doctors, and undergo medical tests and get necessary medication.



✚ **Temporary beneficiaries from Ukraine**, who are assisted by the Child Protection authorities, are provided with food from the Food Bank Constanța, PRR taking the food to their locations regularly. With the help of the Food Bank Constanța we distributed to a large number of Ukrainian ladies cosmetics brand Yves Rocher (hair conditioner, moisturizer, shower gel, make up remover etc.). In November, part of PRR staff helped with distributing value tickets provided by Adra Romania Association.



✚ **Christmas celebration** – Refugees from both hotels mentioned were present at the latter one to celebrate Jesus’ birth. They enjoyed a lovely atmosphere in which children from the kindergarten in Valea Seacă village had a special Christmas program “We went caroling”.

✚ **Mission to Ukraine** – 10 - 12 of January, a few pictures....



We monthly go to Ukraine, and this last mission was for three days to Nicolaev. We reached 10 villages, crossing the fire line. We took generators, food parcels, candles etc. there, but we majored on street outreaches and sharing about the salvation plan in Jesus Christ, praying for people and handing out Bibles in Ukrainian.



PRAYER NEEDS

Day care center in Constanța – we will use free of charge a house in the southern part of Constanța City. The official opening will be at the beginning of March. Please, pray for us to have all the needed paper work by then, team and beneficiaries ready.

The Girls Group Home – we continue to pray about the reopening this house for girls who are at risk and need our help. We do appreciate if you join us with your prayers for this.

Many people have said they want to take up the 'little and often' challenge, where a dollar or euro or pound each week can make a huge difference to the work, so

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