



Casa Vietii Sighisoara

2011 New Year Update

La Multi Ani! Happy New Year!

We've had a really busy month, as always at this time of year. The run up to Christmas was spent delivering shoe boxes to the villages that had been donated by Link Romania and Amen from England. Sorin came out of hospital and immediately wanted to get back into the swing of things. The day after he arrived home and with the news that heavy snow was on it's way he and Simon (Simon was here representing the charity 'Amen') set off to Codlea near Brasov to deliver 350 boxes to Steve Potts a missionary working with the church and the poor there. They had literally been back in Sighisoara half hour when the snow started to come down so heavy you couldn't see 5yds in front of you. We also delivered to Albesti and then took the seats out of the yellow van so that Pilu could go with Teo to the orphanages. Teo was here with Dick and a team from Holland who had given up their Christmas at home with their families to come and help.



On the 18th of December we had an appreciation party at Casa Vietii for all the people who had helped us in 2010, well, all the people who were in Sighisoara on the 18th. We were so encouraged to see so many people including doctors, missionaries and people representing other charities and churches. There were so many people that we ran out of chairs. I gave an introduction, then Jamie spoke about our work and our vision for the future. Then Elena conveyed our thanks and we gave everyone a small gift as a token of our gratitude. Praise the Lord for our friends, colleagues and supporters. To see such a visual illustration of the way God puts a team together it leaves me speechless but feeling so blessed and strengthened.

On Monday 20th we had a party for the ladies in Soard. We handed out small gifts and thanked the people who have helped us there too. Magda, who helps to insure the communication between the ladies and Jamie is followed so Jamie can get them to the hospital when they have their appointments, and Angela who faithfully lights the fires and cleans for the church and for the ladies program.



Jamie presented the 25 ladies who had given birth with a framed photo of them with their babies. Then the women had the opportunity to

share how God had blessed them in 2010 and how our program had helped them. Wow, how precious to hear the faithfulness of God working in so many lives through their own words!

Over 70 ladies just in Soard were helped in some way in 2010 through our Women's Health Program. Jamie, our Family Medicine Nurse Practitioner, continues to do a great job with helping our ladies learn more about their health and the health of their families. This also includes helping to resolve their ID's so that they are able to receive benefits that they're entitled to and help with health care during and after pregnancy. Elena is going to be taking a more active role in helping with their ID's as Jamie is expecting their second baby in March. As I have mentioned in the past, if people do not have their proper ID's it can present a serious problem for them and their children. In Romania, the babies have to be registered at the maternity and then at the town hall when they are born but many either, are not registered by the parents or the papers are lost at a later date. If the mother does not have proper ID, then the children cant be registered and suffer with problems also by not receiving any medical care or even being able to attend school. Although sometimes it may be simple and not too expensive, it can also involve many hours and money. Bureaucrats!



Christmas Day we escaped from our kids going crazy for a few minutes to deliver presents to the ladies who were in the maternity hospital. There were enough packages left over for us to do it again on New Year's Day! It was great to be able to be a blessing to



these women who were away from their families. The maternity Hospitals do not normally allow visitors with the patients in their wards, even family. It is very lonely for anyone in the hospital and we know that God has given us favour to be able to visit and bring these gifts through the years to ladies at the maternity hospital. We were shown two babies who'd been abandoned, both boys. One of them had been there since

October. The hospital is not really equipped to care for babies over a long period of time, but because of the "red-tape" involved in transferring babies to an orphanage or placing with a foster family, babies can live at the hospitals for months and even years. We immediately came back to Casa Vietii and collected nappies and clothes for them that day.

Last week Jamie returned with more nappies and we will check on them often to help with other needs. Elena also had a rare opportunity to go to the paediatric hospital and speak with the head Dr there. She took some nappies and hopefully has started a good, understanding relationship with this hospital.

Update on Building

As many of you know our deadline for the remaining 5000 euro to be paid for Casa Vietii was on the 16th of December. Well, we were unable to meet the deadline for two reasons: legal paperwork and finances. I wrote to YWAM and asked if we could postpone signing the contract until February 15th and if we could possibly pay less because of the cost of the paperwork, which needs to be done to provide a clear title for the property.

They agreed to the date. But, we were disappointed that they didn't agree to reducing the final amount by 1000 euros to complete the legal documents on the building. Legally, it is the responsibility of the owner to provide a clear title to the property, but when YWAM did not complete the documents in 2006, it created a big problem. I have tried to complete the papers with some money designated for the final payment, but as usual in Romania, it's become extremely arduous since I am not the "owner" of the property. It was so frustrating yesterday when I went to the surveyors to hopefully collect the papers they said would be ready but when I got there they said that they would have to do the measurements again because they were inaccurate because they took them when we had snow...no comment!

I don't believe God has brought us through all that we've been through in the last 10 yrs not to provide the final 5000 euros - but, if He wants us to walk away from this building then I have to be free enough to do just that even though it would break my heart. It's not just our "sweat and tears" or should I say "prayers and joy", that's gone into it but so many of you have sacrificed your time and finances and kept us uplifted through many, many prayers. I have to be honest, this time I feel rather drained.

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The Bible tells us that we should remember the works of our Father because it helps us to see His faithfulness. The last few years have been amazing, but even as I look back at just the last few months, I realize that only through God's grace that we made it through.

Since the end of September after we returned from England, my mum took a turn for the worse and died - praise the Lord I was able to return and spend her last days with her, she was a Christian, and I could be with my siblings during this time of mourning; we had to close the porcelain shop which was hard and sad for me - praise the Lord, Vali, our sole employee, just got a job at the new grocery store not too far from their apartment recently!; Sorin's health had not been good for several months but became worse after our return from England from TB. He spent 6 wks in the hospital with TB and regulating his diabetes and heart medications (praise God he returned home before Christmas, was able to witness to several, and we also assisted one man in getting much needed surgery that had been delayed for 6 mo!); we had closed Sorin's small grocery store across the street in September (blessing) but later had some business issues arise from the new owners not fulfilling their responsibility and it had to close with some consequences that affected us (our employee and friend, Icu, also got a job at the new grocery store with Vali!); my mother-in-law went for another visit to the hospital and received confirmation of a miraculous healing from her tumour they had discovered earlier in the year; I had bronchitis for 6 weeks (still coughing) and Jadyn was sick during Christmas but He gave me the ability to continue on; and with all the extra ministry and team activities during the holidays - we are thankful that our God remained faithful and we want to remain faithful to Him.

So, I want to be transparent to those I know care about us the most and ask for your prayers. Pray that God will use the remembrance of His faithfulness in the past to erase our fears and renew our strength; that we will be faithful to call on Him and stay in His Word; pray that the enemy will not be able to oppress us through illness or tribulations; pray that He will make clear His way and give us the vision we need to follow His lead. Pray that we will be constantly reminded that this is His ministry and His responsibility - that we will remain His faithful servants.

We are excited about 2011, but thanks for allowing me to be honest with you. Thank you for your prayers and support. I know we are at another "step" of God's plan, but we want to make sure that we go in His direction! One of my friends has mentioned before that God is more interested in doing something "in you than doing something for you". We believe that God is more interested in our hearts being submissive and faithful to Him...if this time has been some of those trials and tribulations we are promised in the Bible, we want to remain faithful!!

We also want to commit to praying more for each of you in 2011. Your emails and prayer requests are an encouragement to us and helps us to see how the body of Christ works together to advance His kingdom.

Many, many blessings

Jill, Sorin, and Jadya xxx

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