



# ROMANIA

December 10-18, 2021

## Shoebox Distribution

### THE TEAM FROM UK

Chris  
Sharon  
Gareth & Malou

### TEAM ACTIVITIES

Sunday meetings  
Ladies, widows, youth and children's meetings  
Preparing food bags  
Christmas Shoebox & food bag distribution  
Praying for the sick  
Christmas programmes: messages, dramas and testimonies  
Fellowship & food with AMEN friends  
Enjoying hospitality

### PLACES VISITED

Sighisoara  
Laslea (2 areas)  
Tigmandru  
Danes  
Seleus  
Geoagiu  
Rora

### Partners and Friends of AMEN

David and Rodica  
John and Rosanne  
Mia  
Liviu and Elena  
Tijs and Jessica  
Pilu  
Relu  
Hourdo  
Kristi  
Shane and Velda  
Dyna

After landing in Romania, we discovered that they had instituted a new law that very morning that meant all inbound passengers from non EEC countries would only be admitted provided they had received a PCR test. As we knew nothing about that law, we were told we would have to have a PCR test immediately and then quarantine for 14 days. That was out of the question as we were only due to be in the country for 10 days and were working as part of a charity to help the poor. We said to them that the only option would be to fly back out of the country but were told without a PCR test, that was impossible, so we were really trapped. It was not looking at all good so we prayed and suddenly the passport control official called us over and one by one, stamped all our passports. We said to him does that mean we now have to go and get a PCR test and quarantine and he said to us 'No, goodbye!' We were amazed and very grateful to the Lord for answering our prayers. We got our luggage, picked up our hire car and left quickly left the airport breathing a huge sigh of relief.

**"The Kingdom of God is in Tigmandru and people do not know it. People are waiting to hear the Good News!" A quote from a non-Christian in Tigmandru**



# GOD STORIES

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Since 1988, one hundred and fifty homes have been built for the needy Roma Gypsies. David (UK) had 2 helpers, **Relu and Hourdo**. They not only learned how to build homes, but were with David when he prayed for the sick and shared the love of Jesus. The Lord saved them and has now called them to shepherd the sheep. Today, Relu and Hourdo are pastors and their churches are growing. Praise God! At present, Kristi is not only doing the building of homes for the poor but is also going out with David and ministering to the Roma Gypsies.

**Two Ladies** professed faith in Christ during the Christmas programme at Casa Vietii. One of those ladies had a very sad story. On a cold snowy day, her son failed to make it home. After 2 weeks of prayer, news came that his body was found by a fisherman.

Jessica tells us about **a woman** who came to their centre in Geoagiu. She was desperate for help. She wanted her child to be aborted. They told her that they don't do abortions, but were willing to help her meet her needs because of the love of God. She delivered her baby and today says how much she loves her child which is a great joy to her.

**One lady** was in pain and wanted prayer. Sharon started to ask the Holy Spirit to show her how to pray and God seemed to be telling her that the lady had cancer. As David was laying hands on her and praying, he commanded the cancer to leave in Jesus' name. It was after the ministry to the sick that both Sharon and David realised that the Lord had shown them both what kind of illness this woman had. The woman's pain went and she was so touched by the miracle that had just happened. She received an evangelistic leaflet. There were many others on the streets that received healing from the Lord.

In the village of Soard, 140 shoeboxes were delivered to **pastor Catalin and Magda Palko** who run a church, a Sunday school, a kindergarten and a shop. They said that these shoeboxes create a bridge between the community and the church. Christmas is the only time people in the village receive a gift - the AMEN shoeboxes from the UK! The Palko's live in Soard and know every one of the 500 families and 300 children. Because there were only enough shoeboxes for those who attend the church, their request is that they receive 300 shoeboxes in 2022, instead of 140 so that every child in the community receives a gift. When Magda was about 9 years old, a lorry full of bread stopped at the crossroads in Soard. All the village came, for bread is the food they love! Manna church in Sighisoara started to distribute bread and do ministry in the village. A lady in Manna church prior to the bread story had a dream, where she saw lots of bread being handed in the community. Magda was one of those who received *"the true bread from heaven"*, the Lord Jesus Christ. With Magda's understanding of the culture, her love for her people is great and she wants to see the whole community changed and given the opportunity for the children to be educated. This will mean better jobs in the future to break the cycle of poverty. Though Magda runs a small kindergarten, her dream is to be a qualified teacher so she can better educate her people. The teachers who come from other places find it difficult to understand the gypsy culture in the way that she obviously does. More workers are needed to help so she has sufficient time to study and become a school teacher. She appreciates prayer and guidance from the Lord.

**Liviu** tells of the incredible way the Lord provided the land for Danes Perspective. The new centre which was recently completed, is a busy place where the disadvantaged are educated and the Lord is made known.