

Mustard Seed Jersey Prayer Update February 2020.

On February 1st we had a fundraising breakfast, at which some of the students from Beaulieu Convent School spoke about their experiences going to Romania in December . I was particularly struck by how one of the girls said that since she has been back from Romania she has been so conscious of how many things we have to be grateful and thankful to God for..

So many verses in the Bible talk about the importance of being thankful. In Mustard Seed we have much to thank God for: in 2019, but I select just these 4 highlights::

- A successful reasonably stress-free Christmas shoebox appeal.
- Being able to help a number of people in need of food, warmth, medication – yes we'd have liked to have done more, but what we did made a huge difference.
- The success of our medical outreach, benefitting 18 people in Romania, especially 2 young women in their 30s: Ioli who travelled to Jersey 3 times to receive transformational restorative dental work & Gyonghyi whose specialist hearing aid we were able to fund in December.
- For the amazing generosity of so many people and businesses in Jersey and other places. We pray God's blessing on each one..

Looking ahead we ask for your prayers for wisdom and guidance as we make decisions, especially as we plan for our first aid consignment after Brexit. We give thanks for BILL NORMAN who recently retired as a trustee of Mustard Seed after a number of years. We pray for DAVE BISSON who has started as Trustee and also HELEN GUNTON and I (ROSE) very much value your prayers for us for wisdom.

We know of a few prayer needs from Romania:

- Both MSR and AVS are grateful to God for the provision of funds from Jersey that have enabled them to run homework clubs for one or two days a week during school terms. Pray for the volunteer teachers and the disadvantaged children and young people.
- Nelu of AVS is endeavouring to assist a number of needy vulnerable people, pray for him for wisdom to use limited resources in the best

possible way. Especially pray for wisdom regarding the logistics and provision of an agricultural tunnel.

- Agape have recently had a new young woman join their programme (she had been brought up in a state orphanage in Romania), pray for her to learn new life skills so she can live successfully and happily outside an institution.
- We have just sent funds to Romania to enable 2 cataract surgeries, 1 physiotherapy course, spectacles, a hearing aid, and 2 separate blood analysis work. We also hope to be able to fund eye surgery for a young woman in her 30s, but await details. We are thankful we have sufficient funds and even expect we may be able to do a little more later in the year. Please pray for all the beneficiaries that these medical procedures / treatments will really help.

We ask that you will continue to bless us with your prayers.

Yours in Christ

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