

Mustard Seed Jersey Prayer Update June 2020.

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During the last couple of months during Covid 19 pandemic, I have been amazed at the generosity and compassion of people in Jersey. When we heard some of the people we have helped faced starvation we appealed for help and were amazed at the generous response, which was I believe especially meaningful as many people had less resources themselves. We have been able to send over several thousand pounds to help buy food for the neediest and also hygiene products to help them keep clean.

Alex from Mustard Seed Romania wrote of how as well as providing food and hygiene products in the village communities, they also attempted to give accurate information as they discovered many of the poorest of the poor were ignorant of the pandemic and restrictions and advice.

Nelu of AVS (Changed Lives) wrote of how as they visited one family of 8 living in a derelict building with no plumbing or electricity, they found they literally had nothing to eat. The mother was a woman of faith and so the family had prayed. Then Nelu arrived with some perishable and non-perishable foods sufficient to help them for several weeks.

Hearing of something like that and knowing how our funds from Jersey were literally an answer to an urgent life and death prayer brings tears to my eyes and a sense of awe at how what we gave here in Jersey made such a difference 1000+ miles away. *How great God is at matching what we offer with the need!*

We are in the unexpected position of having some money remain that was given for the Covid 19 crisis. We are holding it for present as none of us know how things will work out, but the Romanian social workers know this money is available and we are sure the Lord has it earmarked for a need that is yet to come to light.

Like us Romania is now coming out of the crisis and slowly returning to “normal”. They have advised us that we can send over our planned aid consignment and God willing we hope that this will take place at the beginning of July.

The Jersey volunteers are slowly returning to our packing loft and shed, though with restrictions and precautions. And we are planning ahead – hoping it will be possible to send the agricultural tunnel frame on our autumn aid consignment (this is an as yet unsolved logistical challenge so we'd really value your prayers for wisdom). In the autumn we hope to run our Christmas shoebox appeal as normally as possible and need to find premises

To summarise the prayer pointers:

- Thankfulness that we were able to make a real difference with the money we sent over during the crisis.
- Pray for the neediest in Romania that like that family mentioned earlier, they will turn to God to meet their needs.
- Pray for protection for the Romanian social workers as they reach out to the needy.
- Pray for safety for the Jersey volunteers as they work again
- Pray for wisdom for planning the sending of the agricultural tunnel to RO.
- Pray for preparations for the Christmas shoeboxes and for premises for that appeal

Yours in Christ
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