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THANK YOU to all who gave resulting in 2978 Christmas shoeboxes sent to Romania as well as £6000 to purchase bread & food parcels, £4500 for winter fuel, over £2000 for medical needs as well as covering the transport and distribution costs to get the aid to the country.

Note from Rose the founder of Mustard Seed Jersey:

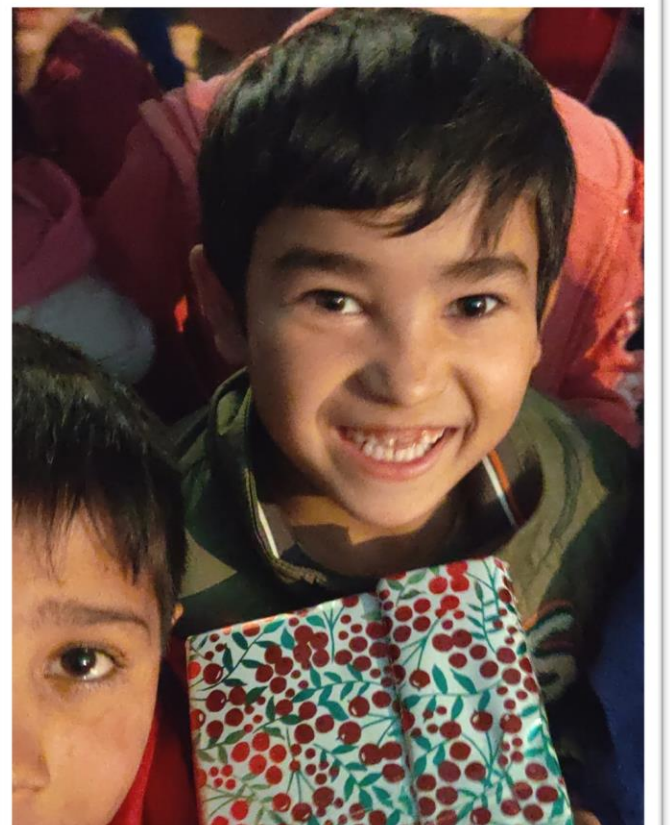
"Sadly once again the Covid pandemic and restrictions resulted in nobody from Jersey travelling to Romania to give out the shoeboxes. But our trusted and faithful contacts in the country kept us well informed and sent many photos. Unlike last year most distributions took place in the schools with some outside in more outlying villages".



Due to circumstances beyond our control the aid only arrived in Romania a couple of days before the schools closed for Christmas.



The wording on the card reads: Christmas Greetings from Jersey X





Helping whole families: Shoeboxes for impoverished mother and child



Most of our Christmas shoeboxes are for children, but this year 777 boxes were for adults, including medical and elderly pensioners, some of them are regularly assisted through our sponsorship programme.

Do get in touch with us if you are interested in sponsoring a needy pensioner.



For Mustard Seed Jersey it is about more than just the joy of Christmas shoeboxes each winter.



Every winter money is generously given to purchase BREAD and FOOD PARCELS throughout the winter months; also to provide WINTER FUEL – either briquettes or wood, whatever is best for that particular household.



And to provide MEDICAL HELP:
In 2021 your donations funded:

- 2 hearing aids
- 1 eye test & spectacles
- 5 investigations
- 1 dental procedure
- 2 surgeries

Age range of beneficiaries was from 2 years up to 75 years.

Helping people stay warm by providing blankets:



Many groups & individuals in Jersey knit or crochet blankets. Photo below shows collection of blankets knitted & donated by St Martins Church

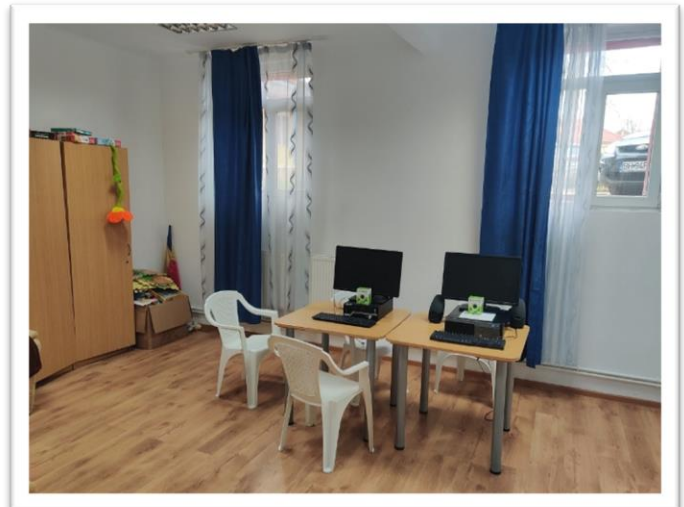




Relief aid collections at Holme
Grown Farm Shop car-park



22 pallets of humanitarian aid,
packed and loaded in Jersey
unloaded in Romania in
December



We were able to help a number of
young people with equipment for
online learning.



Helping to fund a project to
provide vegetables and an income
for the residents on our Changed
Lives site

MORE HIGHLIGHTS of 2021



An unexpected donation in the autumn made it possible for a number of blessings and projects, including fencing at the Changed Lives site, indoor bathrooms, new stoves



Throughout 2021 we were able to fund 2 homework clubs.

THANK YOU

We have many people to thank for their support and help: especially those who give materially, financially, and of their time, skills and prayers.

We're really grateful for any discounted prices and other practical help with our Christmas appeal Morvan Fils in St Malo, Condor Freight, Romanian haulier, Ferryspeed, Manche Pest Control, Raul Freitas Landscapes, Fox Trading, HSBC volunteers, Parish Halls, Les Quennevais Sports Centre, our landlord Vernon Helie and others

Together we have proved our motto true "YOUR HELP MAKES A DIFFERENCE".

OUR PLANS FOR 2022.



We plan to continue to support our various projects and sponsorship programmes during 2022, by sending funding to Romania regularly.

We are working on plans for an exciting new project in the new year – so please watch out for details on our Facebook page, and hopefully in the media.



We plan to continue to pack and send relief aid to Romania in 3 aid consignments in 2022 – one in the spring, one in the autumn and one in December including the Christmas shoeboxes.

As we have said we do plan to send Christmas shoeboxes in 2022. However since the Brexit transition period ended, it has massively affected paperwork requirements, especially for the Christmas shoeboxes.

As a Christian charity we want to be sure we are not inadvertently breaking any laws or failing new requirements. We have asked the Romanian social worker responsible for importing the aid to check this out.



Please do not begin to collect items for the shoeboxes until we have managed to check out the requirements. There may well be some changes we believe. PLEASE CHECK WITH US FIRST BEFORE BUYING.

WAYS TO HELP MUSTARD SEED JERSEY IN 2022

DONATE your surplus good quality clothing, bedding, footwear.
At the time of printing the only drop off point is the packing loft at Cardiff House, La Ruelle du Coin Varin, St Peter JE3 7EJ.

We plan to accept **general aid from January – August.**

Depending on accumulation of goods, we will stop accepting general aid before or during September and then focus exclusively on Christmas shoeboxes. We will advise on Facebook, the website, the answer-phone & loft door as to the cut-off date for general aid.

SUPPORT our book stalls at Rozel Bay and St John's Village.

SUGGEST that Mustard Seed Jersey benefit from a fundraiser event.

SPONSOR a needy child or family

SPONSOR a pensioner through our **Adopt a Granny** scheme

KNIT blanket squares or hats, etc for the Christmas shoeboxes.

PLAN to **PACK A CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX** (info available by September)

Remember Mustard Seed Jersey in your **PRAYERS** – to receive an occasional prayer update by email, please contact Rose.

If you shop at the CoOp please use our divvy number **321340**

Put your **LOOSE CHANGE** in a collecting box for Mustard Seed
Save your **USED POSTAGE STAMPS** for us.

Organise a **FUND-RAISING EVENT** (please contact us before).

POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS for packing, loading, fund-raising, collecting, etc – please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you!

If you need more information please contact Rose either by phone (01534 482637) or by email to mustardseedjersey@yahoo.co.uk

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