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Mustard Seed Jersey Newsletter ~ June 2019 *"Early in June I went out to Romania with Christine one of the supporters and volunteers. What follows are some of our observations, highlights, challenges ~ Rose"*

But before we went to Romania we had seen an amazing success & transformation in Iolanda:



She came over to Jersey in April for extensive dental work that was done free of charge by a generous dentist in Jersey. In Romania, Iolanda (or Ioli for short) is assisted by Agape (Romanian Orphan Ministries).

"Of course we spent time with loli and all the others at Agape, visiting their fundraising yard sale and sampling some of the food they produce".



At the Agape yard sale



Ioli preparing some of the garden produce at Agape.



On our 1st and also our 4th day we purchased items for food parcels. Some food was distributed at a meeting for needy pensioners, and other bags were taken to houses of those in greatest need.



At one shack when we delivered a food parcel the lady showed us the hearing aid that was purchased using some of "the medical money".

Thank you so much to all who have donated to that medical fund. At a dark basement dwelling the frail pensioner had no light except for the solar panel light we provided. This year she benefited from medical money which revealed a condition that the social worker reckoned would have killed her if left untreated.



While at another (which was in much better condition) the crippled little woman wept with joy at our visit as she is so lonely. She struggles to survive in the apartment she can enjoy for her lifetime, as she has only her basic pension.



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In a residential care home, we were delighted to help the matron work out how to inflate a special medical mattress we had sent on our May aid consignment.



We also saw large toys donated specially for a kindergarten & sent on our May trailer.





We met up for lunch with some of the young women who we first assisted over 20 years ago. *Finally my 2 personal highlights:*



A scarf given to me by a pensioner – although she has very little she wanted to give.



This baby is an answer to prayer.

As always we've come back with a list of specific needs, which we share hoping maybe you can help with …. **Baby Alarms** Disposable Razors Hairdressing scissors and clippers Adult coat hangers Sewing machine Incontinence pads Dishwasher (or £300 to buy in RO) Washing machine (or £300) Trousers with elastic waists for both men and women All Bedding (especially single fitted sheets & pillows) Towels Clothing – all ages Shoes – all ages (attached in pairs please) Funding to continue the homework club (estimate \pounds 2000+ needed) Funding for 2 much needed toilets at our Changed Lives project (Estimate £1200) Funding to continue the building project at Changed Lives

The ADPB Trust asked for our PRAYERS that they will find more workers to work in the residential home.

If you're interested in receiving regular prayer updates please let us know your email address.

For information on ways to help Mustard Seed through sponsorship, fundraising, volunteer as packer / collector, please consult our website <u>www.mustardseed.org.je</u> or email <u>rose@mustardseed.org.je</u>

If you're at Rozel or St Johns Village please support our book stalls.

Suggest Mustard Seed as a beneficairy for fundraising

Watch out for information on our Christmas shoebox appeal (this looks as though it may be our first aid consignment after Brexit – guess we wait and see!!)

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