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For Mustard Seed Jersey trustees David and Ron it was a real thrill to distribute donated fresh food in Oradea Romania using the refrigerated trailer for which Mustard Seed had recently fund-raised. In the end £11,000 was raised meaning a larger trailer could be purchased and we have been able to retain sufficient for maintenance and insurance. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE**

David and Ron spent time in both Romania and Ukraine. Here are more pictures from their time in Romania:



With Mustard Seed Romania they purchased items for food parcels then packed and distributed.



Visiting & giving food to people who live near the rubbish dump and scavenge for food to survive



The Changed Lives site: here portercabins and 2 refurbished Mustard Seed aid trailers provide accommodation for the homeless



With AVS they visited families and children living in appalling conditions. The children in this photograph all benefit from the homework club that is run by AVS volunteers. (This visit was especially meaningful to Ron as his church assists this homework club).



At the Mustard Seed Jersey breakfast in April funds were raised to purchase hearing aids for this lady & solar lighting for another.

When war began in Ukraine in 2022, Mustard Seed Jersey started supporting Ukraine through a church based charity in Chernivtsi near the border with Romania. Alex from Mustard Seed Romania took Ron and David over to Ukraine to see for themselves



They visited a number of refugees and displaced people assisted by the Ukrainian charity taking them food parcels. Most were from areas of Ukraine that have been destroyed, so the people have nothing to go back to. David and Ron heard some tragic stories of loss. This woman was overcome that people from thousands of kilometers away cared enough to visit and wept as she hugged them



Ron & David were very favourably impressed by the charity's pharmacy & refugee pharmacist who assists many of the refugees and displaced people.



They commented on the good organisation of clothing and aid distribution, seeing clothes that came from Jersey.



This family of Ukrainian refugees have lived in Romania assisted by Mustard Seed Romania since 2022 when the town they lived in was utterly destroyed and they left Ukraine. They have nowhere to go back to and are seeking to forge a new life in Romania. While other refugees moved on, this family have stayed.

So what impressions did Ron and David bring away with them?



Both were challenged by the depth of poverty they witnessed in Oradea, Romania.

David has been to both Romania and Ukraine before and he could see the improvements in the infrastructure but was saddened to see some of the poorest homes.



In Ukraine both men were deeply moved by a visit to the massive town cemetery, where each flag represented a local man or woman killed in active service during the war.



Both Ron and David agreed that it was truly inspirational to see the selfless dedication of the volunteers (in both Ukraine and Romania) who work so hard and selflessly to ease suffering and bring hope.

Although there are encouraging signs especially in Romania, both agree Mustard Seed's support and help is still much needed.

They ask that we will all keep Ukraine in our prayers

MANY MANY THANKS to all who support in any & every way: practically, prayerfully, financially

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