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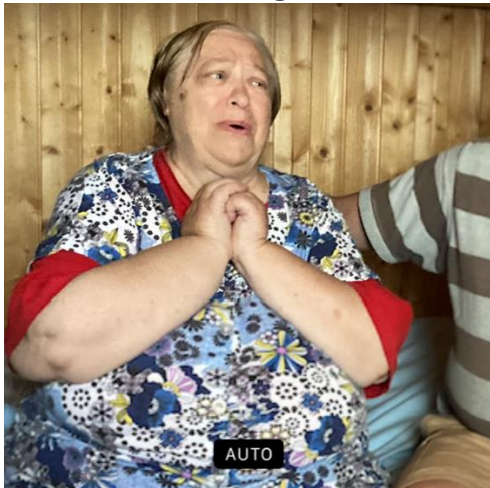
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Message from Rose:

When I was in Romania in May 2022, I was so pleased to have fellow trustee Helen Gunton and her daughter Bethany with me. Helen put together a daily blog for our Facebook page which was really much appreciated judging by the positive feedback we received. And of course for me it was brilliant not to have to spend an hour or so each evening putting together something for FB!!

I came back to find a number of donations sent by post or paid in to the bank account, which was truly marvellous. Knowing there is a huge amount of interest and support for the Ukrainian refugees I decided it would be good to send out a report mainly by email to people who I hope will be interested.

During our week in Romania we spent time with the Ukrainian refugees staying at Casa Rabi & Casa CarolAnn, both owned and run by Mustard Seed Romania. *I could not help but marvel at the resilience the refugees showed.*



Vera is blind & has poor health, but rather than complain at how difficult things were for her, she was thankful for a safe place to stay. Also in Casa Rabi were a number of family groups mainly mothers and children. In each family at least one child has special educational needs.



*Above: inside Casa CarolAnn.
Below: the new playground at Casa Rabi, generously paid for by Jersey.*



One more photo from Casa Rabi this one showing a knitted blanket from Jersey covering a couch.



We spent 2 days with Nelu & Cristina from the AVS charity.



Delivering food parcels to a needy community living in very poor conditions near the city centre. This was in such sharp contrast to the beautiful and prosperous city centre we had walked in just the day before, along by the river.



Nelu and his wife Cristina took us to a school where they gave an excellent presentation regarding the dangers of substance abuse.



We hope to find funding to help them continue this very important educational outreach, it is clearly much needed but their previous source of funding for this has now

stopped and they were continuing as volunteers which is not sustainable long-term.

Cause for celebration – seeing crops grown in the agricultural tunnel we in Jersey helped fund for the AVS Changed Lives Project.



And lots of laughter as Beth milked the goat!



Looking ahead, we hope we may be able to link a Jersey school with a school in Romania.



Hope this gives you a bit of a sense of how much difference your help is making. The needs among the Ukrainian refugees are very obvious & it seems approx 70 may stay at Casa Rabi long-term – we do not know what the future holds. But we are so glad to be able to help and say a huge “THANK YOU” & “God bless” to all our supporters.

Rose