



JOHN AND DEBBIE'S NEWS

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JANZ TEAM
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We are experiencing another extremely hot summer in Timisoara and once again we will be on the move! Yes we are returning to England at the end of October, but, at the end of this month will move ourselves and stuff out to the house in Cornesti which is nearing completion, with plumbing, electricity & decorating in place, but just a few last minute jobs to do...

John has been very busy at the house and we have just kept Costi working for us after Petrica left to work in Italy a couple of months ago. Costi is also our next door neighbour out there and has become a friend. Communicating is quite fun as his English is less than our Romanian.

We will be sad to leave Romania. However this will not be the end for us completely here but perhaps a different phase and the house will bring us back. We are still expectant of finding house-parents so that the house can be used for mission work.

Our links with the River of Life home are strong and will continue. We would love to encourage more people to support this work. As well as the Care home, there are several ministries involved: outreach camps for children and teens, medical ministry, elderly day care once a week, future elderly care home. A family of 5 recently came from Manchester and spent their holiday working at a children's camp. They loved it and it was non stop sunshine too! Doug and Roberta will be making a 2 months visit to America in the autumn to share their vision, and hope to visit UK again early next year for this purpose. We are really looking forward to having Merial and Dylan from our church in England with us again in a week's time. They are staying for two week's this year.

The English services at our church continued on a monthly basis up until June to which over 100 people attended and we finished with a Pizza supper. The message "What is Truth" was expounded in many ways. The majority of students left town for the summer and will return next month, The English service will resume in September, and a team are planning this now.



Costi, our neighbour at Cornesti



Annette with young and old at ROL home



Students Andrei, Rhon, Marian and Vali

We have continued this year to help at the Kairos mission training courses and many of the students have attended these. Andreea attended a course fairly recently and this week left Romania to work in Paris among the students there. In future we plan to encourage and support her in her work there. We have worked closely with Adi and Monica, who are the in country representatives for Kairos, and they have become good friends.



Andreea Stanciu now working in Paris with International Fellowship of Evangelical Students

During July the DeClar Team held two camps. These went well and were led by teams from International Messengers in America. We aim to share the message of JESUS and the love of God to at these camps and to make lasting friendships with those that attend. We invite all our contacts to our other activities in town, including Bible studies, craft classes and the monthly English conversation meetings to which many English learners come to practice their new language skills. Several teacher training events have also been held this past year.



Family Camp

During our time here we have met lots of lovely people of different nationalities and made some lasting friendships. Annette, a young Canadian girl came last year to the Family camp and returned this year. After camp she worked for 3 weeks at River of Life and is now working at a mission in Slovakia until the end of October when she will return to home. We will keep in touch with her, as well as many others from here.



Celebrations with our family
Jo, Mark, Leanne, David and Bruce

A holiday in Italy and afterwards a trip to England in May, resulted in a sprained ankle for Deb and 5,000 extra miles on the car. However it was very enjoyable, and wonderful news was had in England, in the form of an engagement of our daughter to Bruce with a wedding next May in Shaftesbury, and the news that Jo, our daughter in law is expecting our first grandchild in January. Lots to look forward to.

We have mixed emotions about leaving Romania, which has been our home for three years, but we trust God for the future and to quote Morse our favourite TV detective. *“To make an end is to make a beginning the end is where you start from”*

Our family have been absolutely great in supporting their adventurous parents and also we appreciate all of you for your love, prayers and support for us.

John and Debbie
(pictured here with Ema after his baptism earlier this year)

