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'Presenting Christ by all means everywhere'

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I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learnt the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians Chp 4 verses 12 + 13

All is well at the Wakefield house. Praise God that Julies 'two' carpel tunnel operations have been successful and as this letter is being written she is recovering well from the second one. All the stitches are gone!! In the next two weeks she has to go back to hospital so an assessment can be made on her ankles. Please pray.

We have been child minding together while Julie's wrists heal. We have 3-4 children four days a week. The oldest is 18months, we do have a 3yr old on a Friday afternoon, it's 'brill' to have an input into little lives. After Christmas we will assess the situation with regards to physical ability and finance. (We sleep all day Saturday)

Andrew, Diane & George are doing fine except for coughs & colds. We look after George 4 days out of 5, on Mondays he goes to his other Granddads. George is such a delight we get so much joy from him. Rebecca is fine too, she has an active lifestyle and is still 'team leading' at work.

In Romania, Cristi in Cluj continues his work of evangelism. He is currently working with a village church just outside Cluj and is seeing a change in attitudes towards evangelism. He writes: "We are well, Lois is growing at a pace that is scary for me, I might grow old. Anyway, we are happy indeed for she is a great gift from God. Regarding the work, there were some good events happening in the last month. For example, I guess that it is over one month ago since I was asked to go to the hospital to pray for a lady. I went there and found a 24yr old mum who was in the final stage of cancer, she was expecting to die. I prayed that God would have mercy on her body and her soul, and make sure that she is saved. We prayed the sinner's prayer and I knew from there on that she is in God's arms. She died after two weeks, but before she died she asked her family, who are non-Christians, to let us perform the funeral.

Let me tell you, it was one of the biggest crowds that I have seen at a funeral in Sânnicoară village, around 400-500 people. We preached the true life that can be found in our Savior Jesus Christ. Anyway, to cut a long story short, we then organized an evangelistic evening in Sânnicoară church, and at the appeal the sister of that young mother gave her life to Christ.

Praise God that He can still give life, in spite of the death that surrounds us.

About Bethany camp. I have spoke several times to Timi (the architect) and it seems that we are in the final stages of the process, and as you would expect, the authorities keep asking for different papers, approvals ... but we are getting there. It should not be more that one month till it will be all done. Please pray that the final permissions will be passed and we can start to build the new building next Spring".

Traian, Lidia, and the team of volunteers continue to work in and around Alba Iulia with the children's clubs and outreaches producing, with God's grace, new Christians almost weekly. We attend regular baptisms and new people attend churches. Please continue to pray for this ministry. The new puppet tour is underway and it is estimated that when it is over 4000 children plus teachers will have heard the gospel. Pray for strength, travelling mercies and good conversations.

This summer was particularly busy with children's camps and outreaches, Again people came from far and wide to work with us, proclaiming the gospel. We travelled from village to village, working with the established/ongoing ministries of mainly Baptist and Pentecostal churches. One lady said, "Thank you so much for coming, you do not realize what a boost (my word, same meaning) you have given us" Children in the villages see that Church 'can' be fun!!

Continue to pray for us as demand outstrips our capabilities.

Children's camps and outreaches take place in July 2011; why not join us if you can. Contact us for more information and about ministry for 2011.

Please pray for Traian & Lidia as they are expecting their first child. Estimated time of arrival May-ish. Traian & Lidia came to spend a few days with us in November. They did some much needed ministry shopping, coloured card, blutak etc: I think their suitcases weighed 60-70 kg when they left GB. We joined together to do a ministry presentation for our (Julie & Paul's) church. Praise God for the news that the church has decided to make the work in Romania one of the three main organizations it will support. The others being BMS and Baptist Home Mission.

We have new faces on our committee. Following the departure of John & Leslie Yates. We prayed and asked Kevin & Kathrin Skillings and Sarah Baker to join us. Praise God they said yes. We'll ask them to write something about themselves in a future newsletter. We look forward to working together for the Lord. Please remember the committee in your prayers.

During 2010 several people ended their financial support to us for various reasons. We will end the year with £4500 on the OAC credit card. Can you help us to clear this? Please pray and give if you can. Thank you.

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Thank you for standing with us in 2010. Praise God that we have all seen the fruits of ministry; please pray we will be able to continue to glorify God with the ministry in 2011.

God bless you and we hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year <><xxx

Paul & Julie Wakefield & family
Traian, Lidia, Delia & the Alba Iulia team
Cristi, Cristina and baby Lois in Cluj
The Nottingham Committee

JOIN US in 2011

If you want to join us next year (2011) in Romania here are the dates for the children's camps and the outreaches.

Camp 1 Children, 7-13yrs old, 27th June to 1st July

Camp 2 Children, 7-13yrs old, 4th - 8th July

Camp 3 Teenagers, 12 -18 yrs old, 11th - 16th July

If you would like to join us as a team member a reference will be needed from your Minister/Pastor etc..

If you want to join us as a leader we will need a written reference about yourself from your Minister/Pastor etc: including your experience (if any) in that role or similar

Alba Iulia and district outreaches, 25th July - 7th August

Our bank details:-

We attempt not to publish these on the internet, so... Please ask!

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