

April 2017



We have witnessed some lovely warm weather recently; Spring is certainly here. Life for those in the villages is very busy at this time of year. Everyone will be working hard in the fields digging the soil and sowing seeds and praying for a bountiful harvest. The early spring is a particularly hard time as many families will have used all the food they stored from last year and obviously nothing will have grown this year. This is a huge incentive to work hard. Everyone realises if the crops don't grow they will not eat this coming winter.



Seeing the elderly and children toiling is not a sight that lies comfortably in one's memory. Many of the children, and adults will have hands blooded with blisters, after all they have not been able to work whilst the soil was frozen and their hands will have become soft and prone to blisters and other injuries.

We have sent money to many families to purchase seeds, the families we seek to help are those who have little, frequently just a few pieces of bread to eat;

no money to buy seeds. But without seeds they will not have a harvest therefore it is essential we help when we can.

The only way families can keep warm during the bitter winter months is from the warmth from their stove. Tragically and all too frequently these ill maintained stoves can cause a fire in the house, as indeed can an unattended candle. All too quickly the house can become an inferno and everything can be lost. We had a message from Mother Drab just last week. Family Cabancea, Dad Sergei, Mum Alena and children Ionela, Vlada and Marinela as well as tiny three-month-old baby Sergei, lost everything in a fire at their home. I cannot imagine what it must be like to lose everything whilst caring for four young children. Needless to say, poor people have no insurance.



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On the same day as the fire we were able to contact our good friend Iliia in Moldova and arrange for good clothing, bedding etc. to be immediately dispatched from our store in Balti to help this family. (Fortunately we still had a few things left from the last truck). Such action not only gave the family the practical help they needed but also reinforced the fact there are many people in England helping and praying for them. This was a great source of comfort to them. The family are now staying in a small room in another house and we are trying to help them with the repairs to their home.



Our Soup Kitchens remain a very important part of our work. The children gain so much from attending. In our Soup Kitchens we can not only provide good nourishing food but also distribute clothing etc. as well as having fun, singing and playing. We would like to open another Soup Kitchen in the north, in Baroncea for children and adults alike. We have the building and once we can find sponsors we can help so many people in Baroncea and the surrounding villages.

We are so very grateful to everyone who helps and supports our work.

See website for details - [www.cr2ee.org.uk](http://www.cr2ee.org.uk)

Open days in 2017 -

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in each month**

**10 am till 3pm**

also

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in each month**

**10am till 1am**

**\*\* Except August \*\***

**Future dates up until August:-**

Wednesdays 10am to 3pm	Saturdays 10am to 1pm
5 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> April
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	20 <sup>th</sup> May
7 <sup>th</sup> June	17 <sup>th</sup> June
5 <sup>th</sup> July	15 <sup>th</sup> July

Thank you

CR2EE Management Team