



May 2017



In April we mentioned how everyone in Moldova would be working hard in the fields preparing the soil and planting. Moldova in April is quite beautiful, the blossom on the trees can be breath-taking. There are thousands of fruit trees all providing a valuable crop most of which is bottled and stored for later.



A few days ago in England temperatures fell and this was quite a shock and a contrast to the lovely warm dry spring weather we have enjoyed. In Moldova the days were becoming warmer until last week when they were shocked

when snow fell, serious amounts of snow. The heavy snow fell but the trees were in full leaf. The snow clung to the leaves and branches and this weight caused branches to break and trees to fall. In the capital city, Chişinău, it was a disaster with trees and power cables strewn over the roads. Seeing snow on green leaves is quite strange but seeing the fruit blossom smothered in the freezing temperatures is very very unusual and potentially a disaster for the crop so many rely on. The early sprouting crops have also suffered from the freezing temperatures and everyone is praying. These freezing temperatures are almost unique and could be devastating for thousands of families. Our store is filling up beautifully thanks to all the lovely people who have given us all the



used clothing, bedding etc. and to the wonderful team who tirelessly sort and pack everything. It would be wonderful if we could gather enough to send a truck next month. Quite a challenge. Our Soup Kitchens continue to provide a valuable service to many children each week; nourishing food, friendship, games and teaching. The children really look forward to their time there. We would love to open another in the village/town of Baroncea to provide for the many children from poor families but also, and very importantly for the many elderly people who struggle from day to day frequently with only a few pieces of bread at home to eat. So many of the elderly live very hard lives having to work in the fields growing their food for the winter.



So many seldom leave their tiny houses apart from an occasional visit to the shop to buy bread. It is a very hard and lonely existence being old and alone. If we had the funding, (about £400 per month), we could bring children and the elderly to the building we already have and give them good nourishing food and companionship. In earlier years, when the elderly were young, they will have gone to school together, worked together and shared so much of their lives together. Imagine how wonderful it would be to get them together once more, escaping from their loneliness and having the opportunity to reminisce. The memories they must share would be amazing

See website for details - www.cr2ee.org.uk

Open days in 2017 -

1st Wednesday in each month

10 am till 3pm

also

3rd Saturday in each month

10am till 1am

**** Except August ****

| Wednesdays 10am to 3pm | Saturdays 10am to 1pm |
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| | 20 th May |
| 7 th June | 17 th June |
| 5 th July | 15 th July |

Future dates up until August:-

Thank you
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