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Hello readers, Spring is here

Dear Readers,

We hope you've had a good start to the year. It's been a long wet winter hasn't it? We're all very pleased to now have lighter evenings and to finally be seeing some sunshine. As a Heart Response team we wanted to once again thank you for your support. We are continuing to make a difference to lives in Romania and now here in the UK and we couldn't do it without you. God bless.

Pause for Thought:
Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many? John 6:9

On 9 December, 1987, a squirrel chewed through a power line, and the Nasdaq's vast financial machinery blinked, sighed and went dark. Some of the world's largest corporations stood limp and listless. Global economies watched, desperately anxious for nearly an hour and a half. All because of one tenacious, furry rodent.
Scripture tells many stories of something or someone small making a big impact. But God can turn meagreness into something mighty. John recounts how Jesus fed a hungry crowd (five thousand men, probably fifteen thousand with women and children included) when "a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish" handed over his small lunch (John 6:9). In the Old Testament we remember that a young shepherd boy named David trusted God and slayed a giant (1 Samuel 17). And Christ repeatedly insisted that the kingdom of God is something like a mustard seed, "the smallest of all seeds" (Matthew 13:32)

When we ponder the many complex global crises in addition to the bewildering concerns in our own neighbourhoods and families, we're tempted to believe that our seemingly small efforts lack power. But Scripture tells us to act in obedience and trust as God helps us—assured that with Him, small things can become mighty (John 6:10-12).

By Winn Collier

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ROMANIA HEART RESPONSE UPDATE

Feeding Programmes: This ministry is going very well, children are growing in their faith and attending church regularly. An outdoor room has been built in Silivas and is now used as a church space on Sundays.

Shoebox Appeal 2025: Rave from The Good Samaritan Church, expressed gratitude for last year's shoeboxes and praised the organisation of the appeal. Thank you to Rachel Lewis for all her hard work and for all involved behind the scenes.

Orphanage: This remains the biggest concern for the team in Romania. Older children are being sent to the orphanage with drug and alcohol problems, which are hard for the workers to manage and it effects the other children. Please continue to pray for the orphanage staff and for the children who have so many needs and emotional trauma to work through.

Food parcels for the elderly: We recently sent funds for winter food parcels for the elderly. Thank you to all those who supported this. The Good Samaritan church were very grateful - the food was a huge blessing to those who struggle over the winter months to pay for heating and medication.





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UK HEART RESPONSE UPDATE

Food Share: The programme is going well. Regular food parcels are continuing to be distributed to a local Gypsy community. Volunteers are building strong relationships and sharing the love of Jesus.

Hummingbird Project: Tea parties are being held for community groups and the elderly in care homes. They continue to be very much appreciated and we have more tea parties planned this year. The team enjoy chatting to those that come along and hearing their life stories.

Schools / Pop-up Schools: Tish continues working in schools and Sunday schools, building relationships by sharing about Romania and her faith. The children respond very positively to her visits and we are certain that seeds are being sown in their young lives.

Prison Ministry: The prison team visits the YOI on Portland every other month to lead worship and build relationships with inmates. Also, Martyn Clamp is visiting both the YOI and Verne prison regularly. He helps lead Alpha courses and does pastoral work with inmates. Martyn is doing a great job. Please remember this ministry in your prayers.





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Heart Response:
Please pray for the charity as we continue to work in Romania and here in the UK. Pray for all those we support: children, the elderly, those in prison, those living in poverty. Continue to pray that more people will come to know the Lord and that He will open hearts and minds to enable faith to grow and therefore more would give their lives to Jesus.

Sanctuary Orphanage:
Please continue to pray for the children and workers at the orphanage. Pray that God's love and peace would reign at all times and that the workers would have discernment as they deal with each child's specific needs.

Feeding Programmes:
Praise God for this amazing ministry. Please pray for God's continued blessing over this work.

The Elderly:
Please pray for those who are sick and suffering in Romania. Healthcare continues to be expensive and many suffer for years with little intervention. Praise God that our medical fund helps some people and pray that more funds will come in, so another donation can be made soon.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN 2026

COULD YOU RUN A FUNDRAISER?

Heart Response is grateful for supporters responding to the needs they see. We are truly grateful for each contribution. From a knitted scarf, a Christmas shoebox or donating second hand clothes; to someone organising a coffee morning, running a tea party, doing a sponsored walk or selling homemade crafts. It all makes a difference. If you'd like to do something, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

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