

WHITE CROSS MISSION



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To all supporters of the White Cross Mission,

This Christmas I am writing to ask you all to try and find a prominent place in your Church, school, place of work, corner shop, pub or your own front window to display the enclosed two posters, side by side. It is time to re-ignite people's interest in our work and I need your help to do it!

Everybody has given most generously and I would like to thank you all, but we have been working with the children for thirteen years, and I know that many people now feel that our need for funds is no longer quite so urgent. Unfortunately it is, and every penny donated is

It is true that things better. Under new laws orphanages have been put into smaller family receive individual continues as a home handicapped children. improved and Dr charge. Please prayers. She is doing a finds it quite lonely mountains.

Most of you will know death of Popa terrible shock to us all.

prepared for the time when he could no longer work and had trained his eldest daughter, Anamaria, to take over his work. As a result she has effected an almost seamless take-over and is doing excellent work. She is only 23 and has taken on a heavy responsibility and she, too, is in great need of our prayers. And (while you're on your knees!) please remember Jenny who has been quite ill lately. We all hope she will be better soon and wish her well



The wooden church at Beznea. Popa Gheorghe lies buried under the large tree

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS
FROM ALL AT
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are changing for the Bratca and Braila closed and the children units where they can attention. Remeti Spital for the more severely It too has much Marianna is still in remember her in your marvellous job but living so far up in the

by now of the tragic Gheorghe. It was a Luckily for us he had

The children we are caring for in our houses are growing fast and, thanks to the work of the house mothers, the teachers and the handymen, they can tackle most of the work on the farms and can nearly all read and write well enough to cope with modern life. Everyone is charming, polite and growing in confidence and we are

proud of them all. Fund raising continues to take up a lot of our time and we feel that we need now to put in place on-going schemes that will ensure that our work will continue well into the future.

This year we are most anxious to finance the building of a Guest House, restaurant and time-share chalets which will overlook the view illustrated in our second poster. We are purchasing this land as I write this letter.

We propose inviting individuals, firms, parishes etc to buy a Timeshare for £5000. This will entitle you or your friends to 4 weeks of free Bed and Breakfast accommodation for 2 people, in a chalet of your choice, every year for ten years. We still have to set up everything with the lawyers but I know that several people have expressed an interest already so we'll get on with it quickly. You could buy a Timeshare as a gift for an overworked family member or friend!! Romania is a beautiful country. I'm sure you would love it! And as you enjoy yourselves the children will benefit and hopefully this little business will go a long way to supporting our children well into the future.

Please tell everybody about us. You never know, one of your friends could be a closet millionaire who is just waiting to find a good cause to support!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas. May God bless you all!

With much love

Pat

The angel said: 'Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord'. (Luke 2:10-11, Revised Standard Version)

A Christmas Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for our homes & for all who care for us & love us; those who laugh with us when we are happy & who comfort us when we are sad.

Protect those who are in danger on the streets of so many cities of this world; bless all the children who are unhappy & feel no-one cares for them.

Help us to appreciate each other for our differences & all that we have to offer. Bless & guide those children who are lonely, afraid, or who suffer as a result of man's inhumanity to man.

Creator God, thank you for making our world, & all that is in it, & for all the good things we have to enjoy. Bless all the babies & children who do not have enough to eat; guide & strengthen those who worry about them & care for them. Help us to share what we have so that others may not go hungry in this world of plenty.

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, to show us how to know you better & to teach us of your everlasting love for each one of us.

Help the White Cross Mission to spread your light & your love into the lives of these abandoned children by all that we say & do.

Jesus, Light of the World, Shine in our Darkness. Amen.

