



"... and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me," Ps: 50:15 ESV

One of the families helped by Ligia (see back page) and on the waiting list of the Child Sponsor Programme

## God's Smoke Signal!

Editorial By Helen Jesze

The story goes that a ship was wrecked near to a desert island. Only one passenger was saved, and able to swim to land. He was a devout Christian and thanked God that he had not been drowned, but it was terrifying to him that no-one knew where he was, and he might die alone there. Venturing a little inland, he found fruits and berries and clear water, which kept him alive, and at night he curled up under some trees to sleep. One day a wooden chest was washed ashore from the ship. He found it contained some tools and other necessities. He began to cut down trees and made himself a simple house, praying constantly for God to send a ship so he might return to England.

Some months later, he was on his way home, when he saw thick smoke ahead of him. To his horror, he saw his little house had completely burned down! He had lost everything and he was heartbroken, wondering how God could allow such a thing to happen. After lying shivering for hours, he dozed off, and awoke to the sound of men's voices. Cautiously peering out, he saw a schooner out at sea, with smaller boats rowing to the shore, and a man in a captain's uniform was walking up the beach.

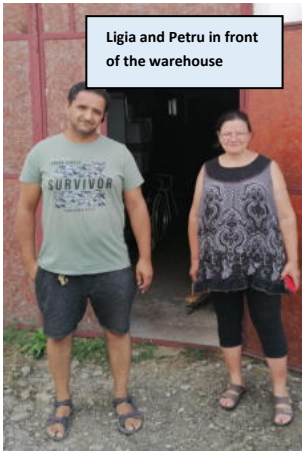
***The man jumped up and asked the captain, "How did you know I was here?!" He replied, "We saw your smoke-signal!" The man realised God had heard his prayers for deliverance! He had used the burning house to draw the sailors to land!***

***Here is a lesson for us. God can take the thing which seems so terrible to us, and turn it around for our good! When we look at the world situation or even our own life, we could become so discouraged, yet our Heavenly Father is still a prayer-answering God. His ear is ever open to hear the cries of his Children, and he delights to help us. Be encouraged today that he can also deliver you out of your difficulties, giving you divine strategies and solutions.***

***How we praise God that in EEO UK we have the chance to bless and help many who are in great need, but there are so many more we still long to reach. We can only do this with the prayers and financial help of faithful partners and friends, like YOU! May the Lord give you a rich harvest of every seed of Love you have sown! Be blessed today!***

### ***Alcoholic finds Salvation and complete healing - by Gerrit and Laura wiersema***

The Lord opened doors for us to visit Romania over the Summer. One of the first families we visited was a family in a village near Arad. A very lovely family. You could really see that the children loved their parents. This wasn't always the case the father shared. He used to be a very heavy drinker and abusive to his wife and children. A few years ago he became very ill with cirrhosis of the liver and became bedridden. Despite his abuse, his wife, who at the time had only just become a Christian, stayed faithful to him and prayed for him continuously. After several weeks a thought developed in his mind, that IF his wife is correct, and IF there is a God, what would be the consequences for him. After some more time he was convicted to visit this church one time. With all his remaining strength he made it to the church. In the meeting someone had a word for him and he decided to come again. After several weeks at the church he took communion. He was still a wreck at the time, after finishing the bread and wine he was instantly healed. He totally changed. He became a model father, who loves his children and his wife. He started bringing money into the house (instead of alcohol). He started repairing the house, looking after the animals. The whole family is now part of the church. Our contact person Babutia the pastor of the church confirmed the testimony and we could see the difference ourselves as well. Children speaking lovingly about their father. The front garden looking lovely and well looked after. At the back there are animals which are looked after well. Life in Romania is still hard, and this is one of the reasons the family is supported through the CSP. But there is also light at the end of the tunnel. There are still many more families that could be really blessed with support through the Child Sponsor Programme. If you would like more information about the CSP please don't hesitate to contact us.



Ligia and Petru in front of the warehouse



Petru in his workshop

### Hope for the disabled and the sick

In Timisoara we met up with Ligia Macelaru, the daughter of Dorel, one of the first CSP contact persons. Her family was involved with EEO even during the Communist time with Ceaucescu in power. Her father passed away last year and Ligia has taken over his CSP work. Her normal day job is working with disabled people and with her own Foundation she supplies hospital beds, wheelchairs, incontinence materials etc. for the whole of Timis county (over half a million people). There are waiting lists for wheel chairs, hospital beds or even crutches, even as long as 6 months. Generally people won't need these by then anymore, simply for they have either died or recovered. It is possible to buy these things, but e.g. a basic hospital bed is 2500 RON (about £435). This is a month's wages for most people so is an unaffordable 'luxury'. Ligia and her colleague Petru deliver the goods for free; people can use and later return them when no longer needed. Petru also does all the repairs by himself.

### Barnabas 2021

After the events in 2020 had to be cancelled due to the Covid crisis, we were really happy that we were able to hold two Barnabas events this summer, one in Albania in July and the Bulgaria one in in August.

Pastor Emil, the organizer of the Bulgaria event writes:

We had 33 participants. We had the 5 days conference in Obrochishte (near Varna). Sunday the youth took the church service and witnessed to what the Lord had done in their lives.

We had a wonderful time in the camp with morning and evening sessions. The guest speaker, a sister from Sofia, led 2 workshops. One showed how we can be practical with sharing the Gospel, and how to structure and share our personal testimony and the other was sports.

Our initial intention was to have the opening of our church plant in Varna at the same time, but because of a 4th wave of Covid, we could not find a place for our church to start. So we went to witness for Jesus in Varna. We spoke to more than 180 people, and were privileged to pray with 53 of them the salvation prayer.

We started a closed group on Facebook for the church plant and invited the 53 people as well, so we can keep track of and support them. When we start the church they will be invited to join us. After the Sunday service, we had 2 people baptized in water.



Team picture Barnabas Bulgaria '21



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Fellowship in Obrochishte



The Daria family

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### Hope for the helpless

In a small village near Suceava we met the Daria family, which is supported through our CSP. Eight years ago the father of the 2 girls died of a heart attack. In May 2021 their mother also died from a heart condition, leaving 4 children behind. The 2 oldest boys are living in the family home while the 2 girls are being brought up by their grandfather. Their house is in a deplorable state with hardly any furniture, just 2 completely worn out beds and the kitchen in the garden. They fear that due to these conditions, the girls may be taken away and put in foster-care. We left some money with the contact person to buy furniture together with the grandfather. Soon we hope to receive confirmation that the girls can stay with their grandfather. **Please remember this family in your prayers.**