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Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;*” Song of Solomon 2:11-12. Well, I haven't heard any turtles yet, but, Praise God, spring has finally come to Romania! The sun is shining. The mud is drying up in the villages. The trees are budding out and everything is turning from gray to green. As the Lord renews His creation, our spirits are renewed, as well.

I thank the Lord for seeing us through another winter and for allowing us to help so many others this year. From the coats, socks and food we were able to distribute in the poorest of villages; to the food, clothing, diapers, and many other basic necessities we delivered to be distributed to war-affected churches in Ukraine; to the tents, sleeping bags, winter wear and rations we delivered to the Ukrainian military, God helped so many survive the long winter.

We were able to include Gospel tracts in each pair of socks...in each pair of gloves...in each sleeping bag we sent to those fighting on the front lines. In our villages, we were blessed to hold meetings and tell folks about a loving God who cares for them and sent His only begotten Son to save them. A special thank you goes out to all of you who helped to make this possible.

Our children are growing so fast! Some are working. Some are in school. Our youngest just turned 10 in February. Well, that was true until a couple of days ago.

A young woman called and told Dara that she was living on the street with three little kids and that she had no way to feed or take care of them. The woman said she had heard how we take in poor children and raise them. She begged Dara to take her children. Dara told all of us and I said we should pray before Dara talked to her again. Before we could get back with the woman, our 20-year-old daughter, Sevgi, said she would like to take these three kids. Sevgi lives here on the Children's Home property with her husband, Clay.

Sevgi and Clay had talked and they wanted to have the little ones move in with them. So after meeting again with the mother, we brought home three children: a 3-year-old girl, a 4 ½-year-old boy and a 5 ½-year-old girl. A good scrubbing, haircuts and clean clothes revealed three precious children who, thank the Lord, seem to be adjusting beautifully. We have told the Lord all along that when He wants to send new children into our family, we are willing. I am thankful that Sevgi, who we got when she was only a few days old, is now helping us in this blessed calling.

Sandy and our oldest son, Grayson, just got back from a short trip to the States. Sandy wanted to visit some churches, reconnect with some old friends and see her best friend of 66 years whose health was failing. Thank the Lord, they had a good trip and Sandy was able to spend some precious time with her friend before she went home to be with the Lord. Sandy said several folks asked her if and when we would be getting more children. We are so glad God has now answered that question! She also said many people asked if we were safe considering the many recent earthquakes in this part of the world. Again, thank the Lord, they have not been close enough to affect us. Thank you for your concern and prayers.

Please continue to pray for us. We greatly appreciate the love and support that you have faithfully shown us over the years. May God bless you all.

In Christ,
Dave, Dara, Sandy and the Kids