



Greetings yet again to all our friends as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. We rejoice that the harsh Winter is over and Spring is announcing its presence as we feel the warmth and observe the buds peeping through the ground. The anticipation of the Easter celebrations are real as both Orthodox and Catholics will celebrate together.

Our Christmas bazaar at the Ramada hotel was a great success. We thank B.A.T. for sponsoring the room as indeed we thank them for giving both our senior citizens and children celebrations to be remembered with joy before the Christmas season. We also thank our Expats who worked tirelessly with our senior creative group to generate funds for the association. The management and staff of the Radisson hotel gave forty of our people a Christmas day to remember with great joy. The meal, service and courtesy could not be faulted. Our people felt 'Wanted' and Important'. The seniors, parents and children are still reminiscing on the happiness of the day. The Radisson hotel will also host our Spring bazaar in May. We also thank the management of the Radisson hotel for the tremendous



donation of food received in February. Our families and seniors were overwhelmed and express their appreciation.



The British School in Pantelimon, Bucharest and staff in B.A.T. gave extra gifts to our children. Their generosity was tremendous and the children were indeed happy. We thank each one for his / her support.



Bro. Reuban M.C. was visiting Bucharest from Manchester and generously shared his talents with our seniors. He injected 'New Life' into our seniors. Smiles were in abundance. At that time some of our friends from Co. Antrim graced us with their presence adding to the happy atmosphere.



Our four gallant men from Co. Down have just returned home and have left a family with gratitude in their hearts. They ingeniously created a shower / toilet in a confined space. Within the family there is a

handicapped adult and a handicapped child and now for the first time they can enjoy a shower.





We continue to support our seniors, families and sick children. Food and heating support were priorities in the Winter months. Three-year-old Darius has had many ongoing health problems. We continue to support his transport for therapy, his medication and heating support. His mother is admirable making every effort for her children. Matei is

copying with three hours a day in the nursery school. He continues to need encouragement to use the right side of his body. He can now open the right hand which is great progress. He can also hold a crayon but has not the control to use it. His speech is not compatible with that of a four year old but he is making the effort. Moire's life is deteriorating in that she has no quality of life. Her world is her bed as she is completely paralysed and is also blind. Florie, one of our parents cares for her to enable the mother to work. There is a wonderful relationship between them. This situation continues to help both families. Denisa is making good progress and it is hoped that she will cope in a special school in September. Nicole started in a special school last September and has come on in leaps and bounds. Her speech and social skills have greatly improved.



More and more of our seniors have become housebound but we continue to visit and support them. Now that Spring has arrived we are encouraging small groups of seniors to meet with a volunteer for a coffee or stroll in the park. It is our effort to keep depression at bay!

Please visit our Facebook page 'Our Lady of Mercy in Romania' to keep up to date with our activities. Be assured that each one of our donors are remembered in prayer on a daily basis.

We are indebted to our friends in Ireland, England, Australia and our friends in Romania for their ongoing financial support. Cathy in Canada keeps our F/B up to date. Many of our friends in Romania give themselves in a valuable way with their time and talents. Without the collective help we could not continue.

We wish you the JOY of the  
RESURRECTION,  
filled with HOPE and EXPECTATION in the  
LOVE of the LORD.



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**Documentary interviewing some of our Families. This can be accessed on** <https://vimeo.com/133182308>. If you press CC the English subtitles will be evident.