

*Dear friends,
Again we send our best wishes and lots of love from the FAST team in Romania. I hope this newsletter will bring you joy and peace and will remind you that we think of you often with great appreciation for your encouragement and ongoing support. Thank you for helping us make a difference in the lives of so many needy children and families in Romania. With our love and prayers, Daniel.*

Times are getting really busy for us, both in Sacele and in Tarlungeni and Zizin. The Mission House reaches many children in the village and brings joy to those who would otherwise be sad and lonely.



Children come to the Mission House

We have recently enjoyed the visit of our dear friend Joyce Paterson from Scotland. In the photo below Joyce is proudly holding the baby girl of Ana and Florin, whose family received ongoing support from her and Romanian Big Smile towards the building of their new home.



The baby's name? - Joyce

Simona and Andrei's children were able to receive lots of attention and support, after the heart-breaking loss of their little brother Damian.



Damian's older sister, Denisa

All the way from the Joy Church in Texas, Rodney and Kathy Moore, came to be an inspiration and a joy to our whole team.



Sharing a picture with Kathy and Rodney

Our dear friends and colleagues George and Simona are proudly announcing the birth of their second baby girl Anisia.



Anisia and her happy family

Catherine, Louise and Kevin from St. Andrew's Churchdown, Gloucester, came and shared one week with us, helping with education, Better Homes and even fixing some of our vehicles.



Painting Simina's home



Andrei, our first Roma apprentice

Work has started in Zizin, to build a larger timber shelter for our newly born carpentry project, Gardenis.



Work started in Zizin



Thank you, Kevin, the van door still OK!



There are realities we all share, regardless of our nationality, language, or individual preference. As we need food, so do we need love, kindness, appreciation, and support from others. – Thank you!

Elana Andrews, from Tasmania, who has visited Romania 9 times, is now visiting FAST as a volunteer for the first time.



Elana sharing her music skills

For their first trip of 2012, we welcomed once again Sue and Sophie Tait from the UK, who had a varied week getting involved in many different things, much to our appreciation.



A lasting friendship



David and Hazel returned to FAST for seven weeks mid Feb. They got married on the 17th March in England, having a small celebration with close family. FAST did a small presentation for them with a gift and a cake after they had both sung for the children on their last afternoon.



Congratulations, David and Hazel!



Our Roma children in Garcini did a great performance at a national contest in Brasov, winning the first prize, very much to everybody's delight and appreciation.



First prize for the Roma children

Liz Morgan from Cardiff UK was a blessing to our team during the Easter Holidays, helping with the music project as well as with the feeding and education program.



Thank you, Liz!

Helen Weir who came to FAST twice before and her daughter Abi, from Gloucester, visited us for a week in May, helping with the children, as well as varnishing and decorating the Ziurel centre.



Helen and Abi with the children



If you can help...

Tibi and Florica have started work to build a much needed **bathroom for their 8 daughters**. They have finished the foundation for the bathroom, but it's hard to buy more materials and feed so many children in the same time. We would like to give them a hand with the brick work. If anybody can help, please contact me at daniel@fastcharity.ro.



Two year old, Denisa, who has been diagnosed with a rare and serious liver disease, needs help with some food, medication and regular trips to the hospital. Denisa's family received support through the Better Homes Project, but her grandfather, who was the main provider for the family, has died of lung cancer two years ago. This has left the family in a very difficult situation, with very little income and no possibilities to make ends meet. A helping hand would be very much appreciated! Thank you!