

Hands of Hope Newsletter Autumn 2026

Thank you

for supporting us
for reading this newsletter
for encouraging us with messages
for all the things you do that makes this work possible



Dear friends, thank you for your continued prayer and support. As autumn begins, we would like to share some of the ways your support has helped children and families in Romania and Ukraine over the summer.

Romania

The children continued to come to the centre during their twelve-week summer holidays; this helped them maintain their level of learning. Some of the children attended a Christian camp organised by one of our partner charities.

When they left, they received gifts of Bibles, puzzles, and stationery. One of the puzzles was 1000 pieces, and they enjoyed coming into the centre to work on it together.

We have a library of books in the centre; they find it hard to read and concentrate at home but willingly come into the centre and read a chapter at a time.

We stock books we know they might need to refer to in their schoolwork.

The children are now back at school; they attend either morning or afternoon, coming into our centre before or after school for help with homework or subjects that they are struggling with.

Schooling is free, but each child must provide their own stationery and books. If the child does not have the correct book, they cannot take part in that lesson.



We are thankful for the IBCs in our vegetable garden, which capture rainwater for irrigation. We have been able to share vegetables and fruit crops with the families we support.

You may remember Oana and Florin's house that was burnt down in a fire in April. The local mayor coordinated a rebuild project. Florin has been labouring every day. They now have one room which they can use over the winter, and they will gradually complete the home. They are very thankful to everyone who donated to the project.



Ukraine

Ruth and Chris continue to go to Ukraine and arrange trips so they can attend church in Chernivtsi. Many of the folks who attend this church are displaced from Eastern Ukraine, and each visit we hear of their personal struggles. Some had to return to the east as they could no longer afford to rent in the west. But they join with the church each week in an online community group



Over the summer we visited some of the families (displaced from Kherson) in Ivano Frankivsk. We shared a precious time together, listening to their struggles, praying with them, and enjoying a delicious meal.

Many have adapted well, giving their children the best they can, but all wanting to return home, some even to homes that do not exist any more.

While we were with them, we sent parcels to other families in the group living in the more dangerous areas of Odesa and Kherson.

Thank you for continuing to stand with the children and families we support. Your prayers, encouragement and generosity enable us to respond personally and practically, reminding people in difficult circumstances that they have not been forgotten.



Donations

Regular monthly donations are particularly welcome as it helps us budget for the year ahead.

Your generous donations keep the wheels turning in Romania and make a very real difference to peoples lives.

Bank details if you wish to set up a standing order or make a BACS payment are:

Hands of Hope Account no: 12629251 Sort Code: 55 91 00

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