

# Hands of Hope News April 2023

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for all the things you do that makes this work possible



## Celebrating 20 years in Romania

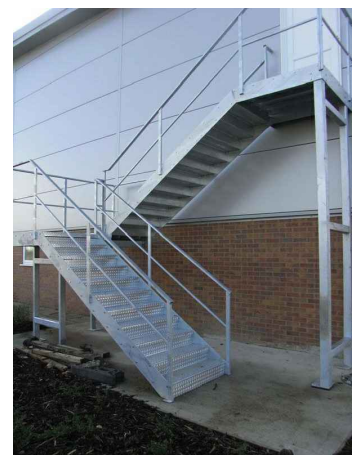
This week we celebrate 20 years since we first visited Romania; thank you to everyone who has been part of our journey for your encouragement and prayers. We return soon, and look forward to being with our Romanian and Ukrainian friends again.



That first visit in 2003 was heralded with cold, snowy weather, and right on cue this week, it snowed heavily in Cobila, with many schools and roads closed.



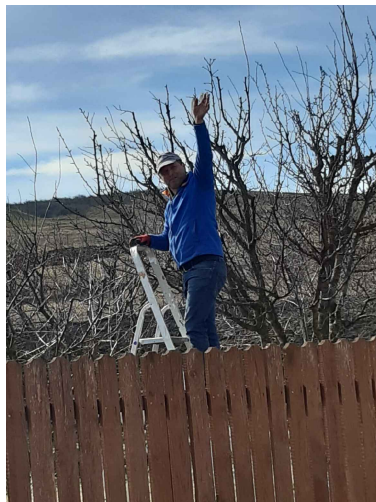
Our work with children continues with extra tuition and holiday clubs. Seeing the results and so many children improving their chances in life is such a blessing. We plan to expand and improve this work by converting unused space in the community centre into additional classrooms and an office. The conversion aims to improve the environment and facilities for children and their teachers. In addition, a recent donation has enabled us to commit to a fire escape installation, the first step in this project.



We have a JustGiving page for this part of our work [here](#).



Many jobs are ongoing, fruit trees to prune and spray, land prepared for planting maize, trees tended in our small plantation, painting and repairing fences.



Once back at Cobila, we will be making plans for our next aid trip to Ukraine. Thanks to the generous support of so many people, we can provide many items specific to a school, an orphanage, an older people's home and a group of parents caring for their children with additional needs. Some funding also helps others take aid to the front line.

In the past 13 months, we have made 16 trips delivering aid to Ukraine worth over £55,000, including medicines, medical aid, sanitary items, books, activities, clothing, food and supplies. Each donation is specifically targeted; we usually personally hand them to the recipients.

Meeting these people, listening to their stories, and sharing their worries and hope for the future has been a privilege.



## 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**

Cheques can be sent to "Hands of Hope",  
c/o C & R Baker, 14 Hawarden Avenue, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 4BS or  
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Pay Pal link on our web site

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