

# Hands of Hope News July 2023

## Thank you

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



## **Romnia**

### **Work with children and young people**

We are thankful for the partner charities that we work with in Romania. A number of the children from the community at Cobila were able to go away for a camp and we contributed towards the costs.

The children in Romania have a 12 week holiday from school in the summer and we are thankful that our team can continue to run activities and also one to one educational sessions.

One of the young girls from a Roma community who had been coming in for extra help before her exams, has been accepted into the next stage of education. This is a huge achievement for her and we will continue to give support and enable her to access the government grants for transport and educational supplies.



## **Fruit and Veg**

Work on the land and in the garden is quite frenetic at this time of year, caring for the fruit trees and tending the garden. All of the produce is shared between the families living at Cobila or those working there. Cherries, raspberries, courgettes and soon tomatoes will be distributed, with apples and plums later in the year. Some of our land is used by a neighbour in return for a share of the crop, this year sunflowers used for cooking oil.



## Ukraine

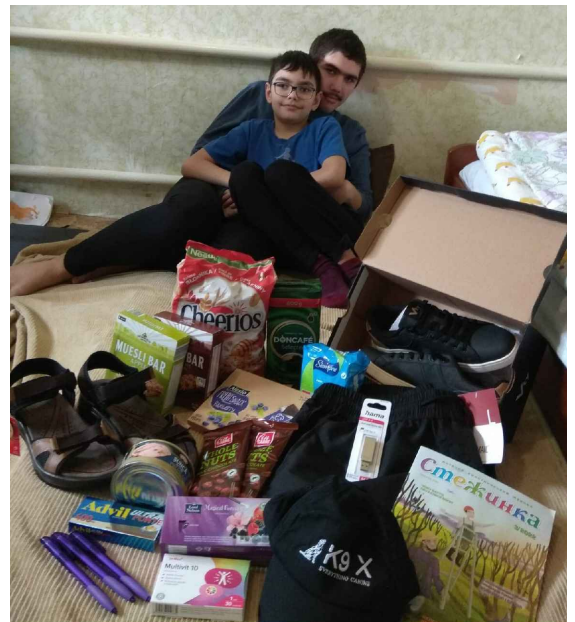
In August we will be funding a five day camp for the families from the “ Western Ukraine Autism project” . Chris and Ruth will join the families in the Bukovina area of Ukraine. We plan craft activities, walks in the mountains and a trip to the wildlife park. This will be a time of respite and relaxation for the children and parents, especially those who are living in Odessa and Kherson.

We follow the news each day, messaging our friends when we see that their town has had a rough night.



A recent response from one of the mum's in Odessa was. “Yes each of the families here are OK, But it was a very loud and frightening night”. It is difficult to imagine what it is like each night with children finding day to day circumstances so difficult.

One of the ways we provide aid is via the Ukraine postal service, which, although operating during a war, provides an efficient and prompt service. We often post parcels to families in the East Ukraine, and close to the front line, in the knowledge they will be delivered in 2 to 3 days. They bring such happiness to the families we send them to, such beautiful smiles under such difficult circumstances.



## 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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