

## Report 2006

Welcome to our Report for 2006. I hope you find the pictures and details informative and challenging.

### What have we done for Romania this year?

Once again we have been busy collecting and delivering aid for Medgidia, south east Romania. Thanks to the support of so many individuals, churches and other organisations, we returned for the fifth consecutive year with warm clothing, bedding, knitted blankets, medical equipment and household goods. We also took 1.3 tonnes of vitamins, wheelchairs, prams and around two dozen fully serviced bicycles. We took musical instruments, chairs, sewing machines, 100 tents, 100 sleeping bags, a set of 12 fully operational computer systems and 500 copies of Christian literature (In the Romanian language).



*Above: The six hospital beds all arrived safely.*

Hugh Gilchrist and I arrived safely in Medgidia on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June and oversaw the unloading and distribution of the goods over the next few days. It was great to see so many familiar faces again and to travel around the district getting a first-hand briefing on conditions.

### Are there still people in Need?

People in (Affluent) Scotland sometimes remind me that we have been operational in Romania now for many years; “Surely they don’t still need your help, do they?”

The fact is that in some areas in of many Romanians are long term unemployed and certainly do not qualify for a works pension as we know it. At best, they rely on seasonal work so any help is vital to them. Another group, the elderly receive a modest income and they are also grateful for all donations.



*Above: A pram is a welcome Gift for a young family.*



*Above: Infrastructure and transport remain unchanged in some areas.*



*Above: Camelia receives her first bicycle just days before her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday!*



*Above: A sample of clothing and soft toys gratefully received from one of our regular supporters.*



*Above: We are welcomed at the local hospital and we support the babies and others as we are able.*



*Above: Pastor Vasiliță Croitor is examining potential business from the use of printing equipment.*



*Above: Tents and sleeping bags which we delivered.*

### **A Timely Arrival**

The tents and sleeping bags which we delivered (See above) allowed a summer holiday for many young people. We received this picture after our return to

Scotland and it gives an example of how effective co-ordination prior to our departure allowed plans for the holidays to be made 2,000 miles away.

### **A Special Thanks to You**

I can only repeat this part, Friends. Thank you so much on behalf of my fellow-trustees and the poor, sick and needy of Romania for supporting us by donating goods, finance and including us in your prayers. All support is gratefully received. We will respond to the need as long as we receive adequate resources.

I hope that you feel a full partner with us in this challenging, but rewarding work – thank you.

Dr Gordon Lyon,  
Chairman of Trustees