

# MISSIONARY

## SHOE BOX REPORT from Mark & Florina Darvell in ROMANIA

Christmas means gifts because Jesus is **THE GIFT**

We prayed for the shoe boxes ministry before - hand, just as many of you have done as well. We asked the Lord to prepare children and new opportunities to reach new children with the Gift of God. Here are some answers to those prayers .....

It was a wonderful surprise that **South Park Church** joined with **Clementswood Baptist and Upney** to send boxes. This meant we had plenty of gifts for other children that were not in our original plan, but obviously were on God's mind!

To be honest, the number of boxes exceeded our expectations, there were around **170** this year, and we gave out every single one with the exception of just one box. (That one will now have been given).

Here are some places which received boxes this year.

Happily, for the very first time, children from the school in the village of Beciu (where there is now a new ministry), were delighted to receive gifts. We also gave some out at an after - school programme in the town of Draganeasti-olt and to some poor children while visiting in their home there.

A sad incident relates to the kindergarten in Coteana village where we have been able to give gifts and tell the story of Jesus for a few years in a row. However, this time, the night before we were due to visit the kindergarten, they phoned to inform us that they were no longer allowed to receive gifts anymore. We were very sad to hear this news, but we know that God is in control of everything.

Thankfully many of the children still came to our church location in the village and received a box and heard the message of Jesus birth and salvation.

Our prayers are that God will show these children favour and many will come to know Him sooner rather than later as their Lord and Saviour. Amen

**A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK and LOVE FOR THE CHILDREN HERE IN SOUTHERN ROMANIA.**

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL - AND WELL DONE!

*Mark and Florina*

*A slide show of the distribution of the shoeboxes will be in the morning service today and the missionary prayer slot in the evening.*



# In Touch

*Praise the LORD!*

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever!*

*Psalm 106: 1*

SUNDAY 6 T H JANUARY 2019

## **10.30 AM MORNING MEETING**

Welcome to our services today.

**Jonny** will be preaching on our motto for the year,

**Psalm 106: 1**

Communion will follow the service

**A crèche facility is available for very young children should you require it during the morning service.**

**Following the service many of us will be enjoying refreshments together and we warmly welcome you to join us.**

## **6.00 PM EVENING MEETING**

We are very pleased to welcome **Keith Ferdinando**

**Keith** will be preaching on **1 Peter 3: 18**

If you have any questions regarding today's services or concerning the church please speak to Jonny (Pastor) afterwards

Sermons are available in MP3 format on our website: [www.upneybaptist.org.uk](http://www.upneybaptist.org.uk)

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