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SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS



The summer holiday camps catered for 170 children and leaders from Timișoara [above] and Cornești [page 4]. When you first look at a child you have no idea of their background. I was told that many of the children from Timișoara were from single parent families, and life at home is difficult both materially and emotionally. One of the girls had tried to commit suicide in the Spring. Many of the younger ones were missing home, as it was their first time away. I told children's stories in the evening to help settle them. By the end of the week they had many beautiful memories; and you can read a few of them on pages 4&7. I was accompanied by Ruth Antill from Great Yarmouth, and this is what she writes:

"I was so pleased to visit Romania. It was such a beautiful country and everybody seemed so friendly. The food was really lovely. I met lots of different people over the 2 weeks there. I was really pleased to be able to attend two different summer camps. I can see and understand what my dad had supported over many years. He left a legacy to the charity after his death. It was lovely to see what some of the money had been spent on. The play area at the house [in Teiuș] is wonderful. It was a wonderful experience and I would love to go back again another year."

Please don't think life is one long summer camp, it is just 5 days when we try to make some special memories that will strengthen the kids to cope with life's future knocks. **Ed.**

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS NEEDED

We still need a lot of toys, craft materials, school materials, and sweets. We are also very grateful for second hand children's clothes

and shoes in the age range 0-18 years old. Last date for our appeal will be Sunday 13 November, in order to allow everything to be packed and dispatched to Romania in time for Christmas.

Many thanks for YOUR support. **Martin Woodhall (Editor)**

