

### FEEDING THE POOR

Grandpa Şandu celebrated 77 with a birthday cake. Before Christmas he was losing a lot of blood with kidney stones, but we managed to get him into Aiud hospital, and he has made a strong recovery after surgery. Since he came to us in 2019 we have given him a room to sleep and food to eat. In return he is gatekeeper and groundsman for the kindergarten - keeping the outside secure, clean and tidy.



There are 10 more homeless sleeping in the waiting room at the station - where we found grandpa Şandu. We give them food twice per week. We also help another 10 families each month, targeting the poor and those that have to self isolate with Covid infection. A typical food parcel in February 2022 is shown left. The homeless get bread with paté, cheese or salami, fruit, yogurt and something sweet. Sometimes we order extra lunch for the kindergarten, and distribute the cooked food to the homeless. Each month Reach 2 Romania sends £300 for food parcels.

### MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS PROGRAM

Several years ago the Social Services in Teiuş provided a list of families in need of help. This is co-ordinated by Fundaşa Emanuel Betania (FEB) - using people and humanitarian resources from Mission Without Borders (MWB) in the county city of Alba Iulia. (In essence we direct the large pool of MWB resources to the people who need it most). One of the target areas was to support the poorest children in school so that they do not drop out of the education system. Each month MWB invites the children to meet together for a program. It is pleasing to see that as they grow older many have stayed in school, as the program intended [below] *Ana & Grigore Melente*



### LOOK AFTER YOUR TEETH

Many children and adults have poor teeth, from lots of sugar and fizzy drinks, with a poor tradition of using a tooth brush and tooth paste; and no money for dental treatment. We get regular requests for help with teeth; such as Marya [right] where we have paid to fix the bottom row. Rotten teeth extracted and the ones that could be saved, filled or crowned. We still need £260 to stabilise the top row, and then she will need something to fill the gaps. **Ed.**

