

## ***A note from Brian of The Friendship Foundation (UK – Romania)***

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Dear Friends at Soup Day,

I am sorry not to be with you today. I came down here to South Wales yesterday to join my family around the bed of my mother, Gwladys, in her closing moments of life. Naturally, she and my family are my immediate focus but my thoughts are with you, too, as you gather at the Luffmans.'

Consequently, I have been unable to prepare a 'proper' report for October. I will place one on the website as soon as I can do so. Meanwhile, here is the news from Puiu and the team in Arad.

### **Puiu and Dorina to visit west Yorkshire in November**

Our good friends, Puiu and Dorina Tarcea, are attending an important conference in Brussels on 14 November. The conference on Human Trafficking finishes on 18 November. I have bought tickets for them to take the Eurostar from Brussels to St Pancras and then from Kings Cross to Leeds. They will be in West Yorkshire from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November and I hope you will be able to meet them during their short stay.

At the beginning of the next week we are planning to visit the Romanian Embassy to explain the role of the charity in helping victims of human trafficking, as well as visiting a British charity engaged in similar activities in this country.

This will be the Tarceas' first ever visit to London, and I intend to give them as much of a holiday as possible before they return to Brussels and to another conference beginning on 1 December.

### **A Key volunteer from Arad on a month's internship in Italy**

Sorin Macavei, a professional Social Worker with many years experience, will begin a one-month's internship in Italy on 20 October to study and develop the charity's programme in helping the victim's of human trafficking. At the same time the office in Arad is having to develop an improved Information technology to help counter this highly organised international crime.

### **Bob & Elaine Tilley visited the Charity in Arad in September**

Please find attached Bob's brief report on the Tilley's visit to Arad last month.

Have a good Soup Day. Thanks once again to George and Joan for the good work and to each of you for your continued and valuable support.

With best wishes, Brian