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Working with Romanian people, to bring Help to the needy, Hope through the Christian message and Co-operation through joint ventures

'Joy in a Box'

For many families in the Dorohoi area of north-eastern Romania, unemployment and poverty are their daily experience all year round. This sense of deprivation is made worse at Christmas time by the extreme winter temperatures and the widespread pessimism about any improvement. Each Spring, we launch our **Joy in a Box Appeal**, with the aim of bringing to these people some measure of hope and the encouragement of knowing that they have not been forgotten. For many people these gifts may have be the only ones that they receive at Christmas.

Each box means so much to those who have so little.

Many of the gifts that we distribute are been prepared by supporters in the UK whilst others are made up in Dorohoi using funds that supporters designate for that use. In previous years, for example, specific donations allowed us to give sacks of groceries to several dozen families. By making up these sacks in Dorohoi we were also able to support the local economy.

Last year, many schools chose to use this appeal as the basis of pupils' projects during the summer holidays. This year we will close the appeal at the end of October, to allow schools time to collect and dispatch the gift boxes after the Autumn half-term break.

Of course, '**Joy in a Box**' is not limited to schools - many other groups and individuals prepare gift boxes each year. If you would like to register your interest in the '**Joy in a Box**' Appeal, please complete the tear-off slip at the bottom of this letter and return it to us at the address above; or e-mail us. There are more details in our information pack, which is included with this letter - further copies can be downloaded from the Gift Box website www.roafan.org

Each year, I usually join the Romanian team involved with the distribution of the gifts and we are often overwhelmed by the reactions of the people. My words simply cannot describe the joy on their faces as the children in particular open their boxes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest and support.

Steve Humphreys
Technical Co-ordinator



Please would you register my interest in the **Joy in a Box Appeal**.

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