



Cleaford News



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Autumn

Autumn means two different things for two of our areas of ministry.....

Since the very early days of the Trust we have been providing supplements to the meagre pensions of widows in some of the churches. In Acts chapter 4 we read how the believers in the early church shared their resources, which were distributed to anyone as they had need. By Acts chapter 6 the system needed improving, as there were complaints that some of the widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution.

A number of our supporters have monthly standing orders that contribute to our **'Widows Fund'**. The money we receive is distributed by trusted church pastors in Romania to those in special need. From time to time the pastors bring to us cases of extra need, such as medical bills, where they recommend that the Fund should help. Over the years the income to the Fund has dropped slightly, and at the same time the demands on the Fund have increased.

As we come into autumn some of our widows will be worrying about the extra costs of winter heating. We know of cases where they may have to cut down on heating in order to pay the rent, and they may also cut down on food at a time of year when that is a bad move.

For the past few years we have provided small additions to the regular allowances, to help with winter fuel costs.

Would you consider contributing to our Widows Fund, either with a one-off gift or, preferably, by giving us a small monthly standing order?

At **Harghita Christian Camp**, autumn means the end of the main summer camping season. In the past it meant some rest of the hard-worked staff, and time for some maintenance after the camp has been well used by thousands of visitors!

This year, instead of rest, it means they can get on with Phase 2 of the big Dining Room project. Although the facilities were usable during the busy summer, there is completion work to be done, not least to meet the health and safety requirements of the local authority, who have generously allowed until February before their final inspection and certification.

Insulating, lining and painting the high ceiling of the dining room needs scaffolding, and until that is complete it is obvious that work cannot start on finishing the floor. Until the floor is properly sealed there is too much concrete dust for an eating area! There are several other parts of the project that can continue concurrently, provided the funds are there!

Although the regular camping season is over there will still be events at the camp during Christmas and the New Year, so it would be good to get the heating system up and running!

We are grateful to our supporters who have enabled us to send £4,000 to Harghita towards Phase 2 so far, but our initial target is to contribute £20,000.

Would you be able to make a contribution to Phase 2 please?

We provide several alternative ways to give -

1. Alongside this Cleaford News there is a Standing Order Form and a Gift Aid Declaration, (unless you are seeing this via Facebook, in which case please send me a message).
2. We have an appeal page for the Dining Room project at JustGiving—
<https://campaign.justgiving.com/charity/cleafordchristiantrust/harghitadiningroom> JustGiving will claim Gift Aid, but they do deduct a fee. If you wish gifts can be anonymous.
3. A bank transfer to our account at 12-20-29 A/c 00291458 incurs no fees, and we will claim the Gift Aid. Please email cleaver@cleaford.co.uk telling us about your donation.
4. A cheque or charity voucher payable to 'The Cleaford Christian Trust' sent to 46 Hazell Road, Farnham, GU9 7BP
5. Old fashioned cash pressed into the hands of one of our Trustees.