



## St RCHF Christmas joy and happiness for children 2019

This Christmas St RCHF along with additional support from a Swiss and UK friend alike was again able to deliver Christmas joy to the poorest of children including those in hospital and in care homes along with many a child in families with no financial means.

Unfortunately Christmas has become over many years commercialised and the 'must have' feeling of many a parent and child alike from large retail stores within the EU causes many to lose track of the true meaning of Christmas sadly today.

Jesus Christ was not born in a luxury villa, but in a small rural barn in a cradle with straw on the open ground below. Within St RCHF we can relate and do so every year to this fact as we too in northeast Romania still today have many families in the rural areas with beaten earth floors in their small dwellings made from mud and straw bricks with corrugated sheet roofing and no modern facilities that we all take for granted like a Television, fridge, washing machine or microwave cooker. Some of these families are so poor they don't even have electricity as simply can't afford the huge bills for mains services. They are however notwithstanding being extremely poor on the whole good clean living people who care for their children and put them first. Often parents going without a meal so that the children can have something to eat!

It was therefore thanks to our sponsors that we were in a position to visit and bring Christmas cheer to over 88 children in the days just before Christmas as most would have had no presents to open and no Christmas joy as would without our help not have been able to meet Father Christmas!

We also explained to children the true meaning of Christmas in a few words, thus allowing each child to understand that they were special and equals amongst all other as God's children.

Below are just a few photographs of our actions to bring Christmas to the most marginalized of children. Our thanks also go to the Mayor of Vaculesti village and his staff who all arranged for children to come and meet Father Christmas around the Christmas tree in the Mayor office.

Thanks also go to Suceava police officers who helped with Christmas aid deliveries in Suceava County again this year.

Our team effort again proved a success in helping the poorest to celebrate Christmas as we delivered also food bank aid to many families thus allowing them to have something to put on the meal table over the festive period.



