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***Original Project Target £12,000 Total received : £19,000***

Dear friend,

Greetings in the Lord's Name. I want to thank you for your great interest in the 2hearts Romania Project to help the believers in Turnu Magurele to have a Church building of their own. We started out in 2007 believing we needed £12,000 and the Lord has supplied £19,000. We were astounded at the generosity of God's people. The little church there has worked so hard, particularly the Pastor and two young men who are studying for the ministry. Their labours have seen the main structure completed and to date this has cost £17,000.

However they are now faced with a huge challenge. The cost to finish the building has escalated. There are several reasons for this.

Firstly, the initial plan was to erect a more modest structure but that would probably have been false economy. The church needed to build for the future and I encouraged them. We knew the initial estimate was low and were encouraged when God provided £19,000.

Secondly all the work has been done by volunteers, many of them elderly and many are women. One of the young men who did so much work suffered a very serious back injury and is still recovering. All of this has slowed the project.

Meanwhile prices in Romania have rocketed recently. Since the country joined the EU, materials cost very much more. The plan is now make the building fit to worship in and develop the remainder of the property as they are able. I am hesitant to put another estimate on what is needed until we get a clearer picture of the situation in March but the need is considerable and likely to be at least another £20,000 for this summer.

We are looking at ways to help them and propose sending teams to help practically. A small team of volunteers is travelling out in March to put in the floor. Concrete must be mixed on site and poured manually as the cost of ready-mix is too high. This team will also assess the needs, making plans for future volunteer teams. That team will need around £5,000 for materials.

We hope to have at least one larger team of workers go out for one or two weeks this summer. We are likely to need those with skills such as electricians and carpenters and certainly will need a few plasterers. But we also need those willing to support them and able to "turn their hand to anything." Is there something you could do? We cannot offer travel expenses but flights at the moment are very reasonable (around £150+) Accommodation would be basic but the warmth of fellowship and the warmth of the weather would be guaranteed. If you would consider helping or want more detail, please contact me or Tom Cairns (028 9076 3876) who is co-ordinating the practical aspects of this.

It may be that there are materials that you can donate or sponsor. We need a heating system, light fittings, a kitchen etc. Perhaps you have items in good condition which your church no longer needs. It is not always economical to transport so far but it is still a possibility.

I am also aiming to raise more funds through donations, sponsorship, meetings etc. I do not have the energy I would like to have but I will take some bookings to present the work. If I can't do them myself, there are others who would help. If you would like to hear more about the project, please get in touch. Details will be available on <http://2hearts.co.uk>

I thank you again for your interest and support.

In grace,  
David McFarland

If the Lord leads you to make a contribution, please send to me at the above address. Cheques should be made out to: **Christian Fellowship Trust** who very generously support this project. All donations are sent without deduction.