



# Casa Vietii Sighisoara

**Spring 2011**



## **HALLELUJAH!**

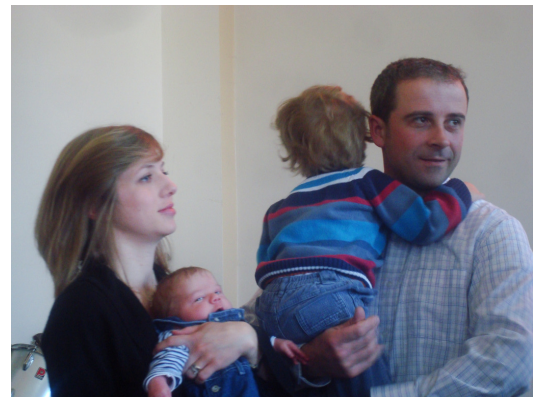
*It finally happened! After so many years of negotiations, tears, frustrations and sometimes thinking we were never going to get there . . . 8.30am, 20-04-2011, marked the closure of an old chapter and the start a new one for Casa Vietii. The contract was finally signed and the building at Casa Vietii, Tache Ionescu nr 10, Sighisoara finally became the property of the charity 'Casa Vietii Sighisoara'. No-one can ever use this building for personal gain, it's God's, even if we all die tomorrow this building has to be given to another charity with the same vision.*

*I feel like I've lost 100kg (220lbs) off my shoulders today. I feel like i'm soaking in a hot steam bath at the end of a day working outside in the cold. I feel like crying, laughing, rejoicing, screaming at the top of my lungs about all what God has done, jumping for joy and partying forever. WOW!*

Thanks be to our mighty God who was always faithful even when our faith was low...we would have never been able to make it through these last few years without our supporters praying and giving and keeping us uplifted when our spirits were discouraged. Thank you.

## **Jamie's new arrival!**

Welcome to our Spring Update. I need to calm my excitement and try to bring you up to date with everything now. What better way to write a Spring Update than with the news of new life. Aiden Marius Hadarean is our spring chick, born on the 15th of March and weighing in at a healthy 3.75kg (8.3lbs). Congratulations to Cole and Jamie...and of course big brother Ruben. The happy (but tired) family are pictured here at Manna church during Aiden's blessing. It was great to see Jamie's parents again and absolutely beaming with pride. Ron and Judy Jackson have been supporters of this ministry for many years, even before Jamie joined us.



## **Our new arrivals!**



One day during our weekly team meeting we were praying for help with finances because it was winter, bills were rolling in and ends just weren't meeting. That afternoon I went to take Jadyn to see her Auntie Mia and Mia was worried because she'd been looking, along with Pilu and Hadasa for somewhere for Sighisoara's latest missionaries, Jon and Margot Nairn, to live. They had not found anywhere and they were arriving the next day.

I offered the apartment at Casa Vietii for them to stay until they found somewhere permanent rather than them pay to stay in a hotel. After a couple of days, Jon and Margot asked if they could stay permanently. Jon was a minister in Tasmania for 13yrs and has been in leadership for over 20yrs. Seeing this as a possible answer to our prayers, we all sought God and we agreed.

We are so blessed to have a mature Christian couple as part of our lives and ministry. Jon has definitely got a pastoral, teaching gift and has already been making an impact in the worship at Manna church and Margot too has such a tender, compassionate heart, I cant wait to see how the Lord is going to use her in Sighi and the villages. It is already amazing how much they have helped Casa Vietii and our staff and we consider them a special blessing that God provided just because He loves us.

We've already had plenty of visitors to Sighi. In the last month our friends Mary and Hamish from England came to visit. Even though it was only for a few days we managed to do a lot of ground work in preparation for the team that they're bringing in July. Simon and Daphne came through town, again it was only for a few days but never the less still a big blessing and encouragement. We also had a short visit from Elizabeth and Eric, a young couple from Montana.



Above is pictured a house in Soard. In this small mud hut lives a young couple and 6 kids. The second image is the ceiling, just rags hung over the beams in an attempt to keep out the rain and cold and the 3<sup>rd</sup> picture is one of two beds....that's it, no fire, no wardrobes no cooker, nothing nothing nothing. The youngest member of this family is only 8 mths and is still the size of a new born. I told Mara (the mother)that she needed to get the baby checked over but there's no birth certificate and so the hospital won't see them.

I have 4 prayer requests for this situation.

1. Favour with the authorities as we try to sort out the ID papers for the parents and obtain a birth certificate for the baby.
2. Help with finances to build this family a small house where at least they can keep warm (\$2000)
3. Sponsorship to buy formula for the baby until we can get the papers sorted out (\$50 per month)
4. The Lord's healing power over this little life to bring him to full health as soon as possible.

In February, Jamie and I had an appointment with the Director of the maternity hospital (Dr Logigan). I was reserved about what to expect especially as others had tried and not succeeded to work along side her or even meet with her. We were pleasantly surprised. She agreed to allow us into the wards to visit the ladies, to continue to give aid (obviously), to inform us if the staff thought that a baby may be at risk of being abandoned and generally to try and collaborate with us to bless the women as much as we could. Please pray that she will do everything that she promised and that our relationship will advance God's kingdom as we reflect Christ in our ministry there.

It's been very difficult to work with the Pregnancy/Medical Program while Jamie is on maternity leave and not around. Bless her she worked up until she actually gave birth! (I promise I am not a taskmaster!) Neither myself or Elena are trained medically in any way – but, praise the Lord, that to love and help these women we don't need to be. It's so encouraging to know that when we do the identification papers for these women we are helping them long term and not just feeding them for a day only to see them starve tomorrow.

I've said so many times that if I wrote everything in these newsletters what the Lord had done you wouldn't have time to read all the pages. I wrote about the contract on the building, but the months that lead up to that were incredible. The fact that we managed to get the new building registered was one miracle, (nothing compares to Romania paperwork) the fact that we didn't have to pay 5yrs back tax or 5yrs extension on the planning permission another miracle, or the fact the building isn't actually built according to the plans, and that they registered the Medical Clinic is amazing after they said they would not do it! The fact that whilst I was at the hospital with one lady, I lead her mother to the Lord was another miracle, the fact that our neighbours are asking more and more questions about the Lord and are now wanting to be prayed for and are talking about coming to church yet another.....I could sing of Your Love forever!!!!

Especially today, there has been one of the biggest blessings for me. I'm not talking about the house, but about my sister. Pam has been to Romania many times and bless her she prayed for me for 8yrs to come to the Lord even though I used to laugh and throw abusive words at her. When she was told she had a brain tumour several months ago, I was devastated. But not once did I hear a negative word come from her mouth. The only thing she said was that if God healed her before the surgery she would shout it from the roof tops but if He didn't and she went home to the Lord for me to promise to pray for her daughter who's not in church at the moment.



We were concerned that they didn't have an "opening" to do brain surgery for several months. Even though they "thought" it was not malignant, the long wait was a faith tester. We also had heard various stories on the side effects. After being in surgery for 6 hrs she was sat up talking only a couple of hours in the ward. The next day she had her drain removed, was moved from intensive care, oxygen mask removed and was actually well enough to call home to see how EVERYONE ELSE was. When something like this happens, it puts things in perspective. What's important and what isn't. When all is said and done, it's not about buildings, money and programs . . . it's about Him, where we are with Him, where our family and friends are with Him, do they know Him, do we tell them? And more importantly, do we show others about HIM!

Yes, God continues to teach us more about Him every day...we are thankful to be called His! As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour this Sunday...we are praying that He will roll away any stones in your life that prevents His light from shining through you to others. Our time here is short, focus on those things that are eternal, those things that can make a difference in heaven or hell for another human being.

God bless you all and thank you so much for being a part of this ministry and what God is doing in Sighisoara. We wait expectantly to see His mighty works. I serve a risen Saviour.

Jill xx

Luke 24:5b-6a

"Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but is risen!

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