

July 8th, 2010

Urgent need: A “desperate cry” for help!

Dear friends,

Our partner Rev. Catalin Croiter, in Suceava (north east Romania), sent an email this morning. Catalin writes:

*“This is not a newsletter, it is rather **a desperate cry** for help on behalf of thousands of people who have been devastated by terrible floods. Over 21 people are reported killed. The majority of deaths are believed to have occurred from drowning, when the victims were swept away by the swirling waters. In the counties of Botosani and Suceava, over 2,000 residents have abandoned their flooded homes as electricity was disrupted. In northern Suceava, hundreds of people were evacuated last Tuesday afternoon as the Siret River threatened to breach its embankment.”*

In response to the disaster, Mr. Emil Boc, the Prime Minister of Romania, said he will try to get some help from the European Union (EU).

We want to assist Catalin and the thousands of people **who need immediate aid. Food, clean water, clothing, shelter and blankets are needed now!** Many church members are sharing to help the needy – but they need our help too.

Some of the families in need:

Feraru Petrica has 12 family members, and needs \$430 for repairs
Romaniuc Gabriela has a family of four, and needs \$6,600 to rebuild
Termen Remus, with a family of five, needs \$13,500 to rebuild everything

These are but a few families. There are many more.

Please call us at 1-866-630-6301 to help, or use our enclosed return envelope.

Blessings, and thank you for caring,

Brian Lise
Executive Director

PS: The villages of Zamostea, Granicesti, Milisauti, Volovat and Dorohoi all need our help.

PPS: A video showing a glimpse of the devastation: <http://stirileprotv.ro/stiri/social/dorohoi-a-fost-inundat-din-nou-disperarea-oamenilor-a-devenit-resemnare.html>

A FEW PICTURES EMAILED TO US BY REV. CROITER OF THE JULY FLOODING



Water, water...everywhere! Houses are almost entirely engulfed.



Roads torn apart; cars carried away by the floodwaters.

Thank you for your assistance in this very difficult time for our Romanian friends.



A family's living room in ruins (and a chicken hanging in?!).



An older lady being rescued in a life raft.

To help make a difference, please call us at 1-866-630-6301, or return the enclosed pre-paid envelope.