

## CAMPULUNG

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Dear Father John and Parishioners,

Thank you all so much for your recent donations for the refugees here in Romania. You are all so generous and thoughtful and we are privileged to be of help in using these donations wisely on your behalf. They find themselves in a very sad situation through no fault of their own but are making the best of it.

Here in Campulung we have three different groups: eight people staying with families, 28 staying in premises belonging to the Pentecostal Church and 23 staying in premises belonging to the Catholic Church for whom we are totally responsible. Fortunately, we all get on well together and are able to help each other.



We have 15 children in our group and the school aged ones are able to continue their daily lessons from The Ukraine on line using phones. We have sorted out a computer and printer for them to continue with their worksheets etc and have organised different activities for them for the afternoons including English and Romanian lessons. Presently it looks as though they will be with us for some time so the children will need to be enrolled in schools here in September. Now all the official documents are completed for them and all are registered in the Romanian system so the parents can legally work here when we find it for them. They all have their own story to tell including one lady who was manager of a five star hotel in the Odessa region. She has two photos in her phone: before and now in ruins but they all keep smiling. Our ones are all from the same area so they have that support.



Your donations are helping us with the food, heating and lighting bills and we appreciate them very much. Our parish works with Caritas on other projects so we have contacts who are also very generous.

I am including some photos which always help people understand better and feel closer to those being looked after.

Please keep the refugees and us in your prayers. I feel we already know each other a little as Sister Anne McLoughlin also worked here in Campulung for some time.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Murphy (Sister)

