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The Brother's Brother Foundation

1st Quarter Report (3rd Year) through December 31, 1993

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Hungary Grant # EUR-0032-A-00-1034-00

GOAL: To improve the living conditions of targeted populations in Hungary

1. SHIPPING OF \$10 MILLION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO TARGETED INSTITUTIONS AND POPULATIONS THROUGH A SERIES OF SUBGRANTS.

In this quarter, Brother's Brother Foundation shipped one container to Hungary on December 10, 1993, consisting of medical supplies and medications with a gift-in-kind value of \$502,198.52.

2. DEVELOP EFFECTIVE SYSTEM TO ENSURE ON-GOING DELIVERY OF COMMODITIES TO TARGETED INSTITUTIONS.

3. IMPROVE AND STANDARDIZE LEVEL OF CARE TO TARGET POPULATIONS.

BBF continues to fulfill the need and demand for medical supplies/equipment and pharmaceuticals. Another container of disposable medical supplies will be shipped within the next month.

4. SUPPORT AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM TO INCREASE SENSITIVITY AND AWARENESS.

The Soros Foundation Health Education Program in Hungary continues to be successful with the printing of the brochures. They have printed 3500 copies for each of the following five curriculums: Nutrition, AIDS, Human Sexuality, Alcohol and other drugs, and Smoking.

The total cost for printing the brochures equals \$31,610.00.

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1. SHIPPING OF \$4 MILLION OF COMMODITIES TO TARGETED POPULATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS.

In this quarter, Brother's Brother Foundation was able to finally ship a container to Romania (10-20-93) consisting of medical supplies and Chemistry textbooks, valued at \$22,249.00. Father Richard Grabowski and BBF Food Program Coordinator, Michael Mullen, were available in Romania to evaluate the receipt and distribution of the container (see attached report from Mr. Mullen).

2. DEVELOP EFFECTIVE DELIVERY SYSTEM.

Father Grabowski has been traveling to Romania to establish an effective distribution system within the hospitals and orphanages.

3. STRENGTHEN TIES WITH BBF, ROEA, AND ROMANIAN CHURCH.

In working to establish a new distribution system and schedule for another container, the relationship between BBF, ROEA, and the Romanian Church has been strengthened.

4. PROVIDES GOODS AND SERVICES TO REHABILITATE TEN ORPHANAGES AND TEN HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY.

As you can see from the attached article written by Father Grabowski about his trip to Romania, deliveries were made to several orphanages in Bucharest.

5. IMPROVE AND STANDARDIZE CARE.

BBF will continue to collect the needed medical supplies and equipment for future shipments to Romania. We plan on shipping another medical container within the next month and Father Grabowski will be involved with monitoring the distribution to assure efficiency and effectiveness.

6. SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL AND AWARENESS PROGRAM.

In November, BBF Education Program Coordinator, Toni McGowan, received a letter of request from Father Grabowski for chemistry textbooks to be utilized by the Chemical Institute of Timisora - Romania (see attached letter). Fortunately, we had the textbook available for donation.

7. OTHER CONCERNS.

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BBF/ROEA Romania Program Evaluation
November 23 - 31, 1993

By
Michael P. Mullen

The Brother's Brother Foundation in cooperation with the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America (ROEA) and the Romanian Orthodox Church, have shared an ongoing USAID program in Romania since 1991. The objective of this alliance was to ship \$4 million worth of agricultural, medical, and relief supplies to the needy people in Romania. The program goals were as follows:

1. To develop an effective delivery system for the targeted institutions.
2. To strengthen cooperative ties between BBF/ROEA and the Romanian Orthodox Church.
3. The rehabilitation of as many as ten orphanages and ten homes for the elderly.
4. Improving and standardizing the level of care.
5. To establish an educational program to increase awareness of the needs of the targeted populations.

The overseas coordinator of the program was Father Dmitrie Tatulescu. He was already stationed in Bucharest as coordinator for the Help for Romania program, which was initiated in March, 1991. Father Tatulescu reported directly to Father Richard Grabowski of ROEA who in turn submitted reports to the Brother's Brother Foundation.

To date, BBF/ROEA has shipped approximately \$1 million worth of agricultural, medical, and relief supplies to Romania. Problems such as storage, reporting, and distribution became apparent in the program and were illustrated in the quarterly reports dating back to early 1992.

Storage became a concern in June of 1992, when a facility owned by the Romanian Orthodox Church was flooded leaving the building damp and humid. At that time, alternative facilities were not available free of charge. Reporting from Father Tatulescu was difficult because of his constant movement around Romania and his inexperience in USAID reporting requirements. Distribution issues arose when it was discovered that obtaining trucks for delivery was difficult and extremely expensive. At the same time, shipments were arriving in Constanza and Bucharest and did reach their

intended final recipients.

In April, 1992, the ROEA was running out of financial resources and felt that they could only afford to pay Father Tatulescu's expenses for an additional six months. ROEA forewarned Father Tatulescu of this situation and that his office in Bucharest would have to close by the end of October 1992. ROEA at that time were also dissatisfied with the performance of Father Tatulescu, especially regarding his accountability and monitoring functions. As a result of these circumstances, BBF/ROEA decided to suspend all shipments to Romania until a more secure implementation plan could be developed. From January to November of this year, no assistance was provided to Romania by BBF/ROEA. Father Tatulescu is no longer involved in this program.

During these ten months, BBF and ROEA discussed and explored the possibility of restarting the program directly with the Romanian Orthodox Church. Father Grabowski travelled twice to Romania to investigate how the program could be restarted while at the same time avoiding the problems that occurred in the past. Father Grabowski on behalf of ROEA and Bishop Teofan Sianatul on behalf of the Romanian Orthodox Church coordinated their efforts with the Brother's Brother Foundation in devising a program plan that was in the best interests of all the parties.

After a period of ten months, BBF/ROEA decided to resume their shipments of humanitarian assistance to Romania. The first shipment arrived in Romania while Father Grabowski and I were in Bucharest. On November 29, 1993, Father Grabowski travelled to Constanza to assist Archbishop Lucian in the clearing of the container through customs. I too would have traveled to Constanza but I had a previously scheduled meeting with Rodica Furnica of the United States Agency for International Development in Bucharest.

This first container will be distributed in Constanza except for some books which will be delivered to the University and some medical supplies that are for the Christiania Hospital. The container will be distributed in Constanza in an effort to maintain good graces with the Romanian Orthodox Church in Constanza and to involve them in the receiving and distribution of Humanitarian assistance. The distribution will target hospitals, senior citizen homes and a number of orphanages. The container will be stored at a Romanian Orthodox Church monastery just outside of Constanza where it will be inventoried before the distribution process begins. It was decided to store the goods at this location in an effort to cut costs of receiving and distributing the container.

Future Shipments will be consigned to Bucharest. BBF/ROEA are currently exploring the possibility of having the containers clear customs at station February 16 in Bucharest. This would be advantageous because it would negate any delays that can occur at the port of Constanza. From the train station, the aid would be loaded into trucks and delivered to the Romanian Orthodox Church Antim monastery for storage. A truck owned by a local print shop

has been made available for such pick ups and deliveries. Distribution will be conducted by Father Teodosie Petescru, church volunteers and a student organization called Studium. This is a voluntary organization that was set up to do charity and cultural work. It is a registered state body.

Each distribution site will have a written protocol which will state the address of the site, the items received, their quantities, the date, and it will have an official seal with two witnesses when possible.

If there are any deliveries to families, a list must be provided containing the name and address of the family, and what they received. These measures were introduced by BBF/ROEA to provide greater accountability and feedback.

ROEA is currently looking into the possibility of starting a meals on wheels program. This would entail the delivery of one liter of milk to as many as fifty families/individuals in the Bucharest area. The program is designed to target individuals who are house bound due to old age or illness. The milk would be purchased through "Diaconia" which is the social service arm of the Romanian Orthodox Church. The milk would be delivered in a vehicle owned by the church in order to save money. Volunteers supervised by Father Petescru's office will be in charge of the distribution. A revised list of recipients would be provided on a monthly basis. The aim is to start the program as soon as Diaconia can guarantee the required quantities of milk on a daily basis. This could be as early as January 1994.

BBF and ROEA feel that the program with the Romanian Orthodox Church will be more productive now based on three observations:

1. Father Grabowski on behalf of ROEA and BBF was able to lay down certain guidelines and procedures which the Romanian Orthodox Church must abide by in receiving humanitarian assistance. This was accomplished with the cooperation of Bishop Toefan Sianatul and Father Petescru. Previously under Father Tatulescu this was not done.
2. The individuals/institutions involved in the receiving, storing and distribution are now more experienced in handling United States humanitarian assistance.
3. The Romanian Orthodox Church realizes that this is the last chance where BBF/ROEA/USAID combined will attempt to help them. The Church representatives are fully aware that any future programs rest entirely on the successful completion of this grant.

Both the Brother's Brother Foundation and the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America are confident that the restarting of this program will produce positive results.

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HELP FOR ROMANIA IN ACTION IN THE ROMANIAN WINTER

A new and unexpected experience was my trip to Romania for our **Help for Romania** Program, between November 22-December 2, 1993. The shipment sent by us, through Brother's Brother Foundation, sailed from the East Coast on October 20. The due date for arrival in Constanta was November 30. In order to be there at its arrival and also to try to set up a new way of receiving, storing and distribution, with the Blessing of Bishop Nathaniel and the approval of the Episcopate Council, I flew on November 22 to Bucharest. It was the first Delta flight landing in Bucharest after the re-opening of the OTOPENI airport. The airport had been closed because of heavy snow and strong winds.

On November 24, I met with Bishop TEOFAN, the Patriarchal Vicar in charge of Foreign Relations, and saw, at his office, the Very Rev. Petru Buburuz from Chisinau (republic of Moldova- or, as we Romanians call it, "Basarabia"). I had also met at breakfast that day the Very Rev. Father Professor Ion Bria, the representative of the Orthodox Church of Romania to the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Center in Switzerland.

On Thursday, November 25, I was invited to serve at the Liturgy in St. Ecaterina Church with Bishop TEOFAN and some of the professors from the Theological School in Bucharest. Some 400 students and other people were in attendance. A memorial service was officiated after the Liturgy by Patriarch TEOCTIST and other clergy for the souls of the founders of the church, one of them being St. Constantin Brancoveanu. After making some calls from Bishop TEOFAN's Office to Constanta, Timisoara and Oradea, I left in the evening by train for Oradea. I rode the entire night (about 10 1/2 hours) in an unheated train.

I arrived in Oradea and was picked up at the train station by Fr. Adrian Fetea, the brother of our New York priest, Fr. Casian Fetea. All day long I was with Father Adrian. By taxi, van and hitch-hiking, we went out in the countryside, trying to find out about possibilities and prices to buy large quantities of food. In the evening I returned to Bucharest by airplane. There were no train tickets available for the next 48 hours.

After I found out on Friday evening that the container with our shipment had arrived in Constanta, I made arrangements Saturday, November 27, to go to Constanta by train. On Sunday, November 28, I was invited to serve at the Patriarchal Cathedral in Bucharest. At the end of the Liturgy, Patriarch TEOCTIST presented me to the assembled faithful and said that I was "the SANTA CLAUS, sent by Bishop NATHANIEL and the Romanian Episcopate of America." Being asked to say a few words, I brought greetings and blessings from our Bishop

NATHANIEL and the members of our Episcopate to all present and talked about our wish to be of help to our brothers and sisters in Romania and about the program of Help for Romania, which we started in 1989, and for which I was traveling now, for the seventh time to bring and distribute help. After lunch we had a two hour meeting. Sunday evening I had another meeting with Bishop TEOFAN and Father Teodosie Petrescu, regarding our program of help. Father Petrescu is working in the DIACONIA department of the Romanian Patriarchate and will supervise and direct all activities of our humanitarian aid.

On Monday, November 29, I took the morning train to Constanta, where I met with Archbishop LUCIAN and his secretary. Then we went to the Customs Office in the Harbor of Constanta and showed the papers for the newly-arrived container (sent by us from USA). After checking all the papers, we found out that we needed one more paper, namely **an approval** from the Ministry of Health in Bucharest, because we had medicine (a total of 19 pallets) in our shipment. By afternoon, we were able to find a fax machine and a fax message was sent to Bucharest. That afternoon I left for Bucharest by train, leaving the Archbishop LUCIAN of Tomis (Constanta), who had helped us previously, to take care of the container and its distribution.

Tuesday, November 30, it started to snow in Bucharest. Father Dimitrie, an associate and helper of Father Teodosie, went to buy food for distribution to orphanages. They had problems with getting the truck started as well as with driving around. Most roads were snow-drifted and it continued to snow and blow till evening. The temperatures went down to -16 and -18 degrees Celsius. During the day I got sick, with fever and pain in my right ear. By 4:00 p.m., Father Teodosie and I went to the Bucharest Office of the United States Agency of International Development (which has helped us with some grant money), for a meeting with Dr. Micah, regarding our past performances and future plans. After the meeting I went to a doctor who diagnosed a middle ear infection, for which I received treatment.

Wednesday, December 1 was a National Holiday for Romania, with big festivities planned at Alba-Iulia, 75 years since the union of Transylvania with the mother country Romania (December 1, 1918). It was bitter cold.

I had been invited to several events but declined to go. I felt that we, as **Romanian-Americans, involved in humanitarian help, should stay clear of politics**; otherwise, we might have problems with future shipments.

Therefore, on Wednesday, I was picked up by Father Dimitrie, and we went by van to an orphanage in the suburb of Bucharest - Chitila. There, I was able to meet all the children who had been assembled in the dining room and who welcomed me with some religious and patriotic songs. I spoke to them, took pictures, sang to them -- in English-- the hymn "Holy God," to show them that we use the same melody as they do. We delivered sacks with food items such as: rice, sugar,

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powdered milk, canned meats and vegetables, etc. This is all part of a new concept and our first attempt to buy food locally and distribute it there, avoiding the costs for shipment. The Episcopate Council has given me permission to use an initial amount of \$5,000. A part of the money (about \$2,000) was used to buy food from warehouses on Tuesday. I also had a special treat for the children. A Greek Orthodox man, a shoe repair shop owner, in the U.S., had given me \$20.00 to sweeten the life of the orphan children in Romania. So, with that money, we were able to buy some candy bars for each of the children.

I must clarify here, one thing. There were 109 children in the orphanage, all girls, ages from about 6 to 18; one fourth of them are real orphans, and the rest are abandoned children. Some of them don't know who their parents are or if they have any siblings. Some of them are always sad and consider themselves "mentally and spiritually" handicapped because of this. The director of the home is a Preoteasa. The work of DIACONIA project has charged Father Dimitrie with the care of this and other such homes. He visits them at least twice weekly and celebrates Liturgy on Sundays in the dining room. The children attend public school in their neighborhood, but return to the home, which is their "CASA," where they eat, sleep, do their homework, etc. The Romanian government is giving 800 Lei per day, per child, to take care of their food and clothing needs. If you figure that milk costs 300 Lei per liter, eggs are 130 Lei a piece and meat sells for amounts of 4,000 Lei and up per kilo, one must realize that they do need help to supplement their food. This is what we are now trying to do. We left the orphanage at about 1:30 p.m. after they ate their lunch and drove to the Patriarchate, where I had another meeting scheduled for 3:00 p.m. The van continued to make deliveries at other places. At 6:00 p.m. I went back to the hospital and had my ear checked, receiving also the necessary treatment. At 7:30 p.m. I had my departure meeting with Bishop TEOFAN and Father Dimitrie. It was at Bishop TEOFAN's residence at the ANTIM Monastery, where, because of difficulties with supplies, they had no heat and were also unable to use their stoves for cooking. It was bitter cold, and we had the meeting with our overcoats on.

One **NEW PROJECT** which, at the suggestion of Bishop TEOFAN, we will attempt to do, is something similar to "meals on wheels." We had hoped to do a meals on wheels program, but, it seems the problem was too big and too complicated to handle, with our means. Instead, we will try to get a milk delivery system for some 50 elderly couples who are shut-ins. We have the promise of a truck and a volunteer driver, and the estimated cost is **\$150.00 per month**. I gave them \$150.00 to get started, if possible before Christmas, hoping that our Episcopate will O.K. the program. If not, I must rely on the goodness of the people who read this and hope

that they will send some donations, made to "Help for Romania," to enable us to continue this program, at least through the winter months.

Thursday, December 2, I drove to the airport, with Bishop TEOFAN's car and driver at 5:30 a.m. for an early departure and arrived home that evening at 10:00 p.m. (plus 7 hours time difference), cold, tired, sick but happy that I was able to accomplish what I had set as my goals.

I thank God for giving me the opportunity to continue this task and pray for continued help from above. But I also ask all of you, dear brothers and sisters, to remember and help the people in need, who are struggling so hard in Romania. If nothing else, pray for them. ☩

Very Rev. Richard J. Grabowski
U.S. Coordinator of Assistance
Help for Romania Fund

GOLDY SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED THROUGH THE EPISCOPATE

The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America is again taking applications for the **Goldy (Dumitru Golea Goldy-Gemu) Scholarships**. Two scholarships are offered in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students of Romanian origin according to the established Requirements and Rules. It is imperative that all forms be filled out completely and all copies of supporting documents accompany the applications. Therefore, **upon applying, advise whether you are a recent high school graduate or are already enrolled in college.**

To give time to applicants to assemble all of the necessary documents requested, we have fixed the **Cut-Off Date as March 31, 1993.**

Recipients will be notified by mail. The decisions of the Award Committee are final, and we ask that you do not phone the Episcopate or the Committee members.

An applicant who receives adequate financial aid from his/her family, from the school he/she is attending, from other scholarship funds, or from any other source, should seriously consider not applying in deference to those applicants having greater financial need.

Applicants must obtain forms from: GOLDY Scholarship, The Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, P.O. Box 309, Grass Lake, MI 49240-0309. ☩