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### ~ Mărțișor ~

**Mărțișor is a Romanian tradition celebrated at the beginning of Spring on March 1st! The men offer to the women an object also called mărțișor consisting of a jewel or small decoration like a flower or heart etc, tied to a red and white string. The gift is considered to bring good luck and wealth. The red and white symbolise the beginning of Spring and end of Winter, but also represents love and sincerity.**



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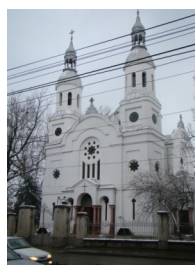
# Tender Guidance...!

~ AMANDA LEWIS; MARCH 1ST 2009 ~

## A Time Of LISTENING!

The New Year began with an amazing two weeks travelling around [Greece](#) with Kerrie. We visited Thessaloniki, Piraeus, Santorini and Athens. We did a lot of walking, and managed to find our way round each place. We visited various museums, walked the entire fortress wall of Thessaloniki, had a very expensive coffee and hot chocolate in a revolving restaurant, ate lots of Greek food including mousakka, made many animal friends along the way, hired a car for two days and drove around just about the entire island of Santorini, and visited many historical sites and buildings. It was fairly quiet and cold, being winter, but very relaxing and our time together was certainly a memory worth keeping.

Our time in Athens also included spending a Saturday with the Athens IT team at their [Tea House](#). Refugees came to receive food and drink whilst the Team interacted with them and a Christian film played on screens in the background. Both Kez and I helped out in the babies room, though some older kids enjoyed the 'young' toys just as much. I took a baby only about a month



**Orthodox Church  
in Winter!**

old, whilst it's mother had a rest and talked with the other mothers. It was hard to avoid making eye contact with the men but we tried to be friendly towards the women and children, communicating as best we could. All in all, it was great to see how another IT team is serving the Lord.

Back to Romania, things have restarted again for the new year. [Kids Club](#) is back in action on a Wednesday night and we had a special treat a few weeks ago when Cerbu and some of the girls from the girls house came and performed a puppet show for the kids. They loved it, and afterward had the chance to play with some of the puppets and do a show of their own. Some people from the church have also started helping (though not regularly) and also doing some talks with the mums about child rearing etc.

Some other female missionaries and I have also started a [bible study](#) twice a month on a Thursday. It has been great to grow the friendships I have here and be able to share in fellowship together.

On the 8th Feb, Anna and I decided to go to the *Aletheia* church. Anna introduced me to a guy called Razvan who, when I was talking with him, found out he runs '[Programul Alo! Copii Romania](#)'. It is a program for children and he also told me that he is wanting to get a team together to create [Christian workshops](#) to take into

## Please Pray...

» **Praise** for a wonderful, refreshing time in Greece with Kez!

» **Praise** for the people that God has brought into my path

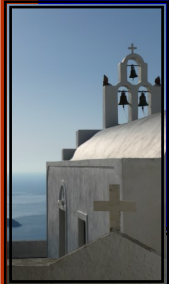
regarding future ministries with the baby hospital and **Pray** for continued discernment and wisdom about where to go from here.

» **Pray** for continued language learning as I do both formal and personal study; that I would understand the grammar and be able to apply it as I learn to communicate.

» **Pray** for good health- both physically, mentally and spiritually!

» **Pray** that what has been learnt at the Inner-Healing workshop will be applied by all who went, for there is a great need for Christian counselling in Romania.

**"TEACH ME TO DO YOUR  
WILL, FOR YOU ARE  
MY GOD." PSALM 143:10**



**CHECK OUT MY  
FACEBOOK  
FOR MORE PHOTOS:**

the children's hospital. We are hoping to meet up again soon to discuss this further as a possible opportunity for me to become involved with.

Mid February, [Alf Davis](#) from Agape Healing International, came to Timisoara to lead a three day workshop on 'Christ-centred Inner Healing'. From the theory to the process, by the end of the workshop Alf had us practising on each other and if tears were anything to go by, there was certainly a strong impact from what we learnt. We are now in the process of translating the manual into Romanian, so that this might be of more benefit for Romanian Counsellors.

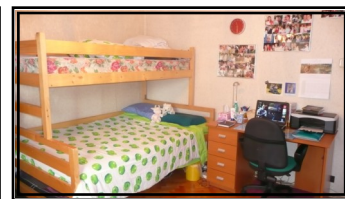
The new year has been hard for many here in Timisoara. Praise is that [Tyler](#) is now making a good recovery and is back into ministry. However, you may remember Iulia, who I have mentioned a number of times now for prayer; She is virtually recovered from her accident but, I am sad to say that her mum, [Emma](#), finally lost her battle to cancer on Jan 20th. [Bec](#) (Aussie) was able to see a specialist in England and work out some of her health problems that she is suffering from, though with the exciting announcement of her pregnancy, it has brought on more health concerns, especially since medication is now limited etc.

I myself have had my own bugs and health issues in the past two months which I am just about recovered from, however this has meant that there has been some blocks with getting a clear medical check for getting into the [baby hospital](#). With the first lot of antibiotics not working, I will need to take a second lot to try and clear everything up, and prayerfully the next test will come back clear. There is still a lot of unknown information about the processes of getting into the hospital, however it is necessary to go through a Romanian agency, of which 'Chosen' has agreed to work with me. To get into the hospital I then need to go through another organisation called 'Bethany'. Please join me in praying for wisdom about the steps to be taken and that I would be sensitive to God's leading in it all.

Whilst I continue to wait, I have enjoyed being able to help out at Potter's House and the Day Centre some, doing cooking, craft and whatever has been needed. We have now also started taking the orphan's out again, which is always a joy, as most of them are over their winter sicknesses. I also continue with my language two days a week and continue to grow my vocabulary and work on the grammar. God certainly continues to be faithful and provide in everything!

I am looking forward to all that lies ahead. Two opportunities coming up include a weekend in [Rome](#) with Anna, Kelly and Lynn from 13-15th March; and also meeting up with my brother Adam, his girlfriend, and one or two other friends in [Paris](#) for a couple of days at the end of April. Thankyou again for your love and support, especially at this difficult financial time. God Bless to you all! xx

*Photos: Greece with Kez, Some of the Athens IT team, Puppet show at kids Club, Weekend with Zoe, Making 'Mărțișor' with the kids at Potter's House, My bedroom-when I arrived and how it is now!*



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