

## Bala Orphanage Flood

By Bishop Domnic Ochoo

Dear Friends

It was on 22nd May 2005 at 2.30am. I had just returned home from a two week mission. I was very tired. All were asleep; it was raining, then suddenly we hear water roar and the whole village was under water floods. (It's funny that the coming of the Lord shall be sudden.) The rain had started on the previous day on 21st from 3pm to 5.30pm. It stopped raining and began to rain again from 7pm to 2.30am. All the community was under water (floods) when I woke up. Rush the children out! We were not lucky to save anything else; we later managed to salvage a few things out of the water. Our home has collapsed and my family and I suddenly have no home now.

Over 3, 000 people were displaced, 300 homes were submerged of which 120 were completely destroyed. Also 500 cattle, goats and sheep were killed in the floods.

So far Bala Orphanage had responded by hosting 100 families within the compound to stay. They are being fed on the little food we have.

I have experienced what it means to be displaced, to have no home, what it means to lose all you have and even losing small things you hold so dear. This sad experience has helped us to know how to pray for displaced people and refugees worldwide. Please pray for them, these people are in need.

Right now my family are camping with others at Bala Orphanage. Please join us in prayer that the Lord will give us a home soon. And others who don't have homes.

Yours faithfully in Christ

Rev. Domnic Ochoo

PS. Bishop Domnic also heads the Bicycle Ministry with 300 converts so far this year and over 50 healings. He has also planted 15 new churches this year that are meeting under tarpaulins at present.

*Bala Orphanage Charity UK, part of our work. Mrs. Eve Trevorror has done much of the fundraising. Bala Orphanage Charity UK has given Bala Orphanage Kenya £10,000 so far this year. We have given a further £1,800 towards food for the flood victims and £700 to repair Revd Domnic's car which is vital to the orphanage. Then the orphanage has accepted a further 80 orphans this year which also need care and food, and are looking for sponsors. To sponsor an orphan is £5 per month. Please help if you can. Any cheques can be made out to Bala Orphanage and sent to our address. We thank all of those who support an orphan.*

## Romania June 2005

By Nick Liddiard

I spent a week in Romania travelling with Suzanne Pillans and team. I have been going to that country for over 12 years.

We flew to Hungary then had a 5 hour ride in a minibus to Timisoara in Romania. This is the city where the revolution began in 1989.

Our hosts were Cornel Hudulin, who is the pastor of a Baptist Church, and his wife Sandra. Although they live in Timisoara, their church is five hours away in the town of Tirgu Jiu. Cornel is also an Evangelist having preached in over 700 churches throughout Romania.

Before we left, we were visited by some of the young people whom I had brought to Standlake the previous summer.

On the first night in Tirgu Jiu we went to a small church in the village of Pregoria taking with us some musicians and singers from the church. Not many people had turned out but one lady was healed from severe stomach pain.

On Friday evening we went to the Baptist Church where there were about 120 people. I gave my testimony and about 11 people put up their hands to receive Jesus. Suzanne then gave a message and 30 people were healed in their seats. For one lady this was a very special night as it was her first visit to a church. She received Jesus and was healed from paralysis following a stroke. God is good!

On Saturday we took a group of young people on a picnic in the mountains. The weather was hot when we left, but there was snow on the mountain top. Suzanne is still talking about this day as she loves mountains and because she felt close to God. On Saturday morning I preached at the Baptist Church (it is still difficult for women to preach in Romania).

Before the service we prayed for a girl in her late teens with leukemia. I was overcome with compassion for her, Jesus being her only hope. After the service we prayed for a young girl who has autism. She seemed to respond.

In the afternoon we traveled to a small village called Dimesti where they are in the process of converting an old hall into a church. The small children surprised us by singing *Jesus is the centre* in English. Evening brought us back to Tirgu Jiu with Cornel preaching and Suzanne under pressure of time ministering to those who wanted to be healed. It was a difficult trip in many ways as we felt that the Holy Spirit was being blocked, perhaps through fear and unbelief.

Our minibus broke down halfway between Timisoara and Budapest but we managed to catch our plane back to London.

Second visit is pencilled in for October this year.