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Dear Sunnyside Church,

Greetings from Romania and a huge thank you for the very kind and generous gift you gave me from Gift Day. It is such a big blessing! I am amazed at the way that God always provides, and as I stepped out once again to come to live in Romania (and not without some trepidation), I have been so thankful to God at the way in which he has shown his faithfulness once again as my provider. Thank you so much to everyone who has given, and for letting God use you to bless me in such an incredible way. I pray for all of you, that God truly will bless you for all you have given, and that he will continue to provide for you, as individuals, and as a church, not just financially, but in every way possible.

Some of the money will be used for general living - there have been quite a few costs involved in simply setting up home again here, but I am thinking and praying about the possibility of using some of the money to buy a new keyboard, which will not only be a great joy for me, but also a blessing for the church as I would probably keep it there most of the time so I can use it when leading worship. I am waiting though to see how things settle before I make a definite decision on that in case there are other unforeseen costs that come along.

It was such a joy to be with you all at the weekend away back at the beginning of October, and to be able to spend some quality time with you there. I continue to hold you in my prayers with all the changes in the staff team, and pray that exactly the right people will come along to join the Sunnyside family and to serve with you together there in Berkhamsted.

I am settling well into life back in Romania. After a very mild winter, it decided to snow literally just as I arrived home so it was a bit of a chilly start, and was followed by two fairly significant earthquakes last week (5.2 and 5.7 magnitude with various smaller aftershocks) but apart from being a bit of a shock, thankfully I am fine, the sun has come out and there's a definite smell of Spring in the air.

I am back into the swing of things at Deo Gloria Church...I am back leading the worship team, and am one of a team of leaders for the teenagers group (which now has 12-18 young people coming every week, mostly unchurched). Myself and the other female leader are also doing a separate meeting every fortnight for a small group of teenage girls too with a mixture of fun things as well as bible studies. As with everywhere, the pandemic has changed things dramatically and the church has struggled to some extent to bounce back but there is a sense of having turned the corner and I'm looking forward to seeing how God will move things on in him this coming year. So all that, along with continuing my studies and doing research for my dissertation, I have plenty to keep me out of mischief!

Once again, heartfelt thanks for the generous gift, and for all your love and prayers.  
Love and blessings,  
Heidi