

The Granny Project



The Dutch funded group Dorcas runs a program through local Reformed churches to supply older adults with necessities of life. Recipients may receive 4 parcels of dry food-stuffs and 2 parcels of home care products annually. We visited three of the beneficiaries. Granny #1 was confined to bed and lived with her daughter and her husband who was marginally employed. Granny #2 lived in two rooms in a building (left and below) without toilets or water. The church also brings water and helps with bathing once a week. Until recently the roof leaked and there was no dry area. Granny number 3 lives in a large house and her son lives nearby. She has a wound on her left leg but refuses medical care - note the swelling in her ankle.



Laszlo Katko, director, GSCH, and his brother Ferenc, director for Dorcas Ukraine talk with Granny #2 in one of her two rooms.



Granny #2 is 65 years old and has lived in this building for 18 years since coming from the mountains near Rakhiv. For many years the roof leaked and at one point it was essentially blown away. Her grandson lives next door in one room and is abusive to her. The local church volunteer visits at least weekly. She is mobile and can go to a nearby store where the owner allows her to use the toilet. Uniformly grateful for the life saving aid, the biggest complaint is loneliness and all asked us to come again soon.