

Dear Friends,

18<sup>th</sup> December 2012

This year has been a challenging one with lots of new developments along the way. Start of 2012 with our Sunday market sales, new donors and lots to take in.

Just a few weeks ago, our large Christmas shipment was sent with combined efforts with Blythswood care. Our main focus was to deliver the much needed computer equipment for the gypsy students in Hungary and Romania, which again with combined efforts our goal has been achieved.

Launch event and introduction to the wider Press this year, has put Humanos on the map which generated lots of new donors and donations which has been growing on a larger scale.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking all volunteers and Trustees for making 2012 a very successful year and especially offering up spare time to support our good causes, locally and overseas.

So much about our charity.

Now, I would like to share with you some thoughts which are effecting each of us daily and even more in 2012.

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As we are approaching the festive season, it seems to me, that our lives are managed by the Internet. I get the feeling 2012 should be called "BB Year"(BB= Big Brother) Just a few days ago, I received a letter in the post from the Ukraine, filled with human suffering, poverty and the aftermath of Chernobyl, all seems to be history.

It seems to me the world is more relying on the Internet and all the technology to create a better place on our planet, but in reality just a small fraction in our society are financially equipped to use this technology ,whereas the rest of the world have no part to play. I have lately also noticed the email invitations from Face book, and others to join, and am

engulfed with Viagra, porno, and dating sites, postal brides from Russia to Thailand and more....

This is what has become of our technology and personal information, including photos and our private lives.

I, for one, have not sufficient time to take part in these time wasting and consuming Internet activities, as my time is limited, and I very much cherish my own space and privacy, hence I am not joining the masses.

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From my personal experiences the internet is a great way to communicate, and I am aware charities and non-profit organisations need to use today's technology to communicate and to keep up to date.

One final question I am asking myself: "Are we using our technology and resources wisely, or are we willing to let Big Brother take complete control of our daily lives in 2013?"

With the world economy having several "heart attacks", we together should start to use our resources wisely.

May I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a good start in the New Year, and thank you all, for your support during 2012.

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With Best Wishes

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