



Hello good people! Finally another newsletter!

We are happy to say that our work continues as before, but we're also very active working in the Roma villages of Geoagiu and Orastie.

In the beginning, we doubted how much we could commit because it was too much work for only two of us. But after a lot of praying, Jessica suddenly came up with a great monthly schedule which is very clear and achievable, everything and everyone is covered. It gave us a boost of energy and so we went for it. So now we work intensely in both very large villages.

In Geoagiu, our first contacts were made through a small church that we 'coincidentally' got to know. That church is located on the edge of the Roma village

with Roma's taking the services. They praised the Lord for our willingness to help in their village and they immediately offered us assistance. We prayed together and organised three days of evangelism. There is no other way to say... it was a huge success! The amount of people who came was overwhelming! We spoke to them from our hearts and they were deeply touched. Seventy percent were in tears, really big tears. As we told them that we wanted to pray for them, immediately some ran towards us. In less than five minutes, there were a large group of people in front of us! What a privilege that we could be part of this! These three days also ensured

that we gained the respect of a very big part of that Roma village.



Meanwhile, we undertook a whole bunch of social surveys in both of the villages, in addition to handing out a lot of parcels containing clothes. We'd previously handed out food parcels in Geoagiu for the first time. We also helped some people get their identity card back, so they can now obtain a minimum life-support (54€) which they are entitled to receive, but there are still many who need help with this. We also helped some with medical care.



We pray for extra budgets, because the situation for most of these people is just indescribable. Simply inhumane! No stoves, no firewood, no food, broken doors, often no windows, ... It would be so wonderful if we could have our own facility to work there. I already spoke with the Mayor and he advised us, when have our own location, we could receive even some help from the town itself. With an own facility and enough budget, it would be great to have the people coming to us and we being able to help. Even if only once a week, they come to have a cup of soup with a piece of bread, they could arrive and choose some clothes for themselves like we already do in Romos, which saves us a lot of work not having to make a



parcel for each one individually. It breaks our hearts to see elderly cry from hunger, children without any clothes with blown up bellies from lack of food, suffering from the cold, smelling because there simply is no water. Some live in huts made with planks and plastic or with whatever they can find, it is as cold inside as outside, and even if they would be able to manage some sleep, they are afraid to move because the rats will bite. If this isn't enough, there is serious overcrowding with many people squished together, including babies, ...!!!



Also for us it has been pretty hard. Not only to witness and experience all of this, but also just the work itself. It is so, so much. Every day we are busy from morning until evening, with almost everything done in extreme, cold temperatures. That's why next year we want to make a closed room in our barn where we can have a heating system. It's very hard to work with frozen hands and feet (and snot.) Isn't it, Nancy and Teunia?





Thankfully we have visitors ones in a while to support us, or who make it even harder with their lame jokes all the time... Does anyone know Didier Delbaere? Now the lame joke came from me this time. No seriously, we enjoyed their visit so much, and I'm really happy with my new friend.

The children's programmes in Romos are still going well. The children really enjoy the warmth and the love from my lovely wife. A while ago she split the group, so now we have the smaller children and teenagers in two different groups, so now we can work with them even more intensively. Occasionally we throw the two groups back together to have a programme where the teenagers need to help the small ones. So nice to see the progress. We really hope we could also do this in the other Roma villages, most of the children over there don't even go to school. We really want to stimulate them, to also do a children's programs over there which is another reason why we really need a local facility.



Besides all the work mentioned, we also had a second transport truck with relief goods (from Germany this time), We renewed our website and Facebook page with adjusted texts and a lot of pictures and we finally finished our bookkeeping, ... And so now we're spending some time on another newsletter again, but we do it with all our hearts for our loyal readers.

We thank our Lord that everything has gone well in the last months. We had some months where we really were short in money because some sponsors didn't donate, but just in time (when the panic seriously rose) other people donated more than enough to cover our expenses, at the end we even had 20€ extra ☺. So we really want to thank our sponsors who are providing for our family and for those who are keeping our work going. You are a very big part of everything we do. What is a mailman if there are no letters to deliver? So if you also want to be part of this ...

Soon, we'll be crossing some borders again to eventually reach our tropical Belgium. We'll be there from 17 March until the 5th of April. Again three very busy weeks full of visits and presentations. We will also have our annual benefit on the 1st of April (no joke), feel free to also cross some borders.

So, I think I'll stop here. If you want to know more about what we're doing you can always contact us or invite us to your church, or home group, or ...

Many greetings, a lot of blessings and again thank you for being interested!

To Him be all honor and glory!!



Do you like our project and would you like to help us, to give others a better life? This can be done by:

Material assistance

(on a hold) You can always email us or our home team.

Financial support

- Can be a single donation or a monthly amount on the following account:

vzw Talmid Ministries

IBAN: BE82 0682 4052 5368

BIC: GKCCBEBB

Always mention 'Familie Priem'

- Or for us in person,

it can be donated on our private account:

Familie Priem

IBAN: BE24 8601 1087 6638

BIC: SPAABE22

Prayer

- please pray for our constant safety when we're working in the Roma communities. People need to wait until we go to make their social enquiries, that demands a lot of patience, cuz they all need help. But we do what we can. For now most of them respect that, so pray that it can remain that way.
- that we may have the right approach (dealing with people, choosing the right priorities, ...), that we can give the poorest a more humane situation to live in.
- please pray that we can have an own location in the area of the Roma villages (it would make our work a bit easier, we could also have children programs there, ...)
- of course we also need prayer for extra helping hands. We believe in expanding, but for that we definitely need extra people to help strengthen the team.
- pray that we can keep on doing what we're doing, but also that we can keep finding the balance between working and resting. Cuz we could drown in all the needs we see everyday.
- also for enough sponsoring so we can make more food parcels. So many people are starving.
- also for us personally, some months are really difficult cuz of our small budget. Pray for us to have more sponsors for our family please.
- for the camp that's coming up! The very first camp for all the children. Pray that the children will behave, that they'll enjoy as much as they can and that we can sow as much as we can.
- pray for MarieLou and Lowie for the three weeks (17 March till 5 April) that we'll spend in Belgium. Every time it's a very busy, emotional and exhausted period.
- that our annual benefit will be a success again. Bless our fantastic team in Belgium with all the preparations they have,

all the volunteers who are willing to help, the people who are coming to eat, ... What a blessing that we can have this every year.

- pray that whatever we do may be His will. And whatever we do, that all the honor and glory will be for Him.

Projects

- Maintaining relationships, trying to help in what people need the most (basic needs as making wells, buying a second hand bike to go to work, food, ...)
- Learning more about the Romanian habits, but try to give them a different view where it is needed. Clothing parcels, handing out food parcels
- Children programs (playing games, sports and crafts activities), helping with homework, ...
- But most important: doing everything with the love of God so people can get to know Him

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Thanks to

- to all the people of the VVP, again they made such an effort for all the missionaries.
- to our beautiful team in Belgium for arranging our annual benefit again, to have meetings, sending and dividing posters around, selling cards, ...
- to everybody who is giving us the chance to come and talk about the work we're doing.
- to Printdesign for our website! They help a lot with putting the dots on de i's.
- and of course to the designer of our newsletters Thibo Talloen, info brochure of EVS, flyers and posters.

We're so blessed to have so many people behind us, people who support us and help us. Without all these helping hands we wouldn't be able to do all this. But most of all we're so thankful that He is using us to do this work. Living to serve, living to give, living to bring hope! What a privilege!