



Pe Lunca

Op het veld

Marcus 4: 26-30

**Hello everybody,
nice to put myself in the shade for a while to write this newsletter.
Because right now it really is way to hot!**

If I get it right it's been since March since our previous newsletter went your way. So that means that I can start by saying that again we had a wonderful time in Belgium, with again a successful benefit (fundraise where people could come to eat). The amount of people that came was impressive, the decoration was just beautiful, the atmosphere was great. So again our biggest thanks to everyone that came, everyone who helped that evening and last but not least our amazing home front who (besides all the other things they already do for us) organized everything again. Thanks to the benefit, the churches where we could go, the free gifts and the super sweat employees of the rest house blablabla, we could go thankfully go back home with some money to continue our work here.



England! Here we come!

Last week we went with the whole family to England. We were asked to have a presentation of our work during some event and on Sunday they asked us to share our testimony. Everything was arranged by Pete, he's an Englishman that moved to Romania a year ago. He recently started the construction works to start a similar work like we do, about an hour from where we live. We also enjoyed our free days which were also arranged by Pete. We tried to reload our batteries as much as we could because two days after we got back from England we already picked up our first

guests/helping hands for this summer. And so it seemed like our first visitors are real Belgians, grabbing the bull by its horns! Despite the very high temperatures we immediately started working all together



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Our first camp

When we came back from Belgium we had our first camp in Varmaga, a beautiful location in the mountains. With a thankful heart we can say that we really enjoyed it big time. The weather was an absolute disaster, all our preparations for outdoor activities got covered in snow! Really, up to the day before camp the sun was shining and the day after camp the sun came back. But the camp days themselves, it snowed non-stop and it was really cold. So we were forced to all stay inside during the three days. Luckily the children understood this and enjoyed the camp anyway. For the children it was their very first time being away from home so you can imagine it was a big adventure for each one of them. We filled the days with indoor games and creative activities but also had some time for reflection and lessons. Everything happened in a nice atmosphere, without any conflicts, with respect for one and another, ... We are happy to look back with joy at the time we had!

Again our sincerest thanks to everybody who helped us make this possible, everyone who adopted a piggy or contributed in any other way. We hope there will be many camps to follow.



After camp we continued everything we did before in the Roma villages. We continued paying visits, sorting and handing out clothes parcels, food parcels, medical help, ...



Three days in Geoagiu

Last month we had three amazing days together with Jan and Gerry Aarts and a enthusiastic group of young people of a school in Breda we've been working in the Roma-village of Geoagiu. Here you have a view on the three days:

Day 1

both the boys and the girls began the work by taking out the old windows and replacing them with new pvc windows. Which was payed by the college students. So a big thank you to all those who contributed or have been involved.

Day 2

The boys continued fitting the windows while I joined the girls. We played fun games with the children. Having organized games for the children, was a new experience for many of them. Which mend it was chaotic at times, but we all had a great time. Even though I have a lot of experience working with children, I recognized I need to be sensitive to new ideas if we are serious in building relationships with them.

The most important thing is that the children had a fantastic time. In the afternoon Gerry and I went shopping to buy things needed for food packages to hand out the following day. We bought fresh fruit, a sandwich, a tasty drink and a little candy. Mmmmm.

Day 3:

Because the boys had now finished fitting the windows they gave out some doors and in some cases, were able to fit them. After playing a few more games with the children, we handed out the food parcels. Within 15 minutes just over a 100 parcels were taken by children and considering this was during school time, this shows that most of the children don't attend school. We seriously consider ways in which we can target, how we can work more with these children.

As a project we want to commit afternoons were we are available to these children, but for this we need a location in Geoagiu. Please help praying for this. Alongside providing in programs we need to increase our PFP (Pe Lunca Food Parcels) program. People really have lack of food but with a €5 donation each month at least one family is provided with a parcel.

We really look back on a fantastic 3 day work, a beautiful partnership with Jan en Gerry and a special experience for the group of students.



Goodbye and welcome

Unfortunately we needed to say goodbye to our van. But with the bad news came a good experience! Meanwhile we're blessed with a new (secondhand) car which is a little longer and a little higher so also a little better to use for work. But above all, we witnessed again how He has everything under control. Again a very good and intense lesson about trusting Him and letting go.

We got the vehicle from England, and every step we took went hand in hand with setbacks, problems, obstacles. And every time when we came to a point where we gave up, help came in the most unexpected ways. And every time on the very last minute!

For example: late in the evening we had to take the last bus to Cluj (the city where the airport is located). Because we were held back we arrived last minute and we concluded that the bus to Cluj wasn't driving that evening. Panic, panic! But then arrived another bus with a very frustrated driver. We asked him if there maybe was another option to get to Cluj and he said he could bring us, but we had to hurry up because he already

was an hour to late. He had some free seats so we could join the bus. And this is how it went every time, to crazy for words!

A very nice lesson for us, that He has everything under control and that we have to learn to simply trust and let go.



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

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PRAYER

- We do what we can to get everything arranged that needs to be arranged before we can start building the first two houses. Please pray for this. Also for more monthly sponsors for this.
- again we're in a period of having visitors after visitors. Pray for our visitors as for us, especially for our children. Pray that we will be able to find a good balance between working and spending time together.
- Pray for helping hands (temporary but also for God to call people to stay permanently). Our request for EVS (European Voluntary Service) is again fully approved, so we hope we can soon welcome some young people (between 18 and 30) who are enthusiastic enough to come and help us for 2 months up to one year.
- There are so many things that we want to do in the Roma villages and especially Geoagiu stays a lot in our thoughts and prayers. We already are helping the people with clothes, powder milk for some babies, food parcels now and then, ... But there is still so much more to be done to give them worthy chances in this poor Romania. A location there would be so great to further extend our work for these people. So also for this, please join us in prayer. We cannot start anything without His permission. We expect everything from Him.
- We already had some very interesting conversations with the mayor of Geoagiu, he's open for any kind of cooperation he said. He asked us to make a list of things that we would like to do to help the people and in which way we see this happening. So please pray for this so that His way may be crystal clear for us.
- Please also keep on praying for Tijs his back. According to the doctor the only way to get rid of the pain is true surgery. That means that they would fix his back with a metal plate and screws. Pretty serious operation! But we still believe and still hope in our Almighty Healer Who is able to do so much more than we can possibly imagine!

PROJECTS

- Create social surveys and help with basic needs
- Pe lunca Family Files (PFF): build houses, rebuild, purchase stoves, ...
- Pe lunca Food Parcels (PFP): Compose and distribute food packages
- Provide baby's with powdered milk
- Sort clothing and give packages to the families
- Child- and youth activities (sports, games, relaxation, biblereading, ...)
- Medical Support (Doctor, Purchase of medicines, ...)
- Social support (helping teenage mothers, provide ID cards and other papers)

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THANKS

- For all the work we could do the last few months.
- For the week we have been spending in England where we got some very interesting contacts and some great new friends.
- For our new (second hand) car which has been given to us through different enthusiastic givers!
- We're so thankful that his guidance was so clear through the whole journey to England where we bought the car. God is so mighty! Hallelujah!!
- Thankful for our visitors
- We're so thankful for all the people we can help together with every one of you. Thankful for their thankfulness. But most of all thankful for those who turn their thankfulness into praise towards our Lord and Savior! To Him be all the honor and glory!!
- So thankful for all the people who are carrying us in their prayers. Prayer is the beating heart that keeps everything going on here!
- Unbelievably thankful that we can be called His children!!!
- Ongelofelijk dankbaar dat we Zijn kinderen mogen genoemd zijn!!