



Pelunca

ON THE FIELD



Hello everybody!

It's always hard to create some time to write another newsletter, but this time it took us way to long. We're very sorry for that. We've been so busy and all kinds of stuff happened.

Shoebboxes for all kids

Let's start. At the end of 2017 we had a lot of shoeboxes that we could hand out in the Roma villages of Geoagiu, Orăștie, Romos and in our own village, Vaidei. So enough boxes to make a lot of children very happy.



Foodparcels for everyone!

Some people, from a church two hours away from here, contacted us. Through somebody else they heard about us and started to collect quite a lot of food. They asked us if they could come to help us divide the food amongst the poorest. Of course we were very happy with this, so we all went together to the Roma village of Orăștie.

Also for Geoagiu we would've loved to give a foodparcel to every family. But we only had a couple of hundred euro left to spend on food, which is of course far too little for 160 families. We prayed for this and money started to come in from the most unexpected angles. Even when we went to the gynecologist for a checkup, instead of us paying the doctor he gave us 400 lei (a small 90€). By Christmas we had exactly 960€. Just enough to buy 1000kg of food. So all 160 families got a parcel. Thankfully some people, from the church where we go here in Romania, offered us their help. Otherwise this would've been so much work for just the two of us. So together with the people from church we went to Geoagiu with not only 160 food parcels, but also with a lot of big bags filled with teddy bears for the children. And the best thing of all, we got to pray for a paralyzed widow who was dying. The Lord touched her and now she's still alive, walking around and praising the Lord! What a blessed time we had! How great is our God for arranging everything!



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Finally a property in Geoagiu

The location was perfect

It has been quite a while since I thought that the Lord had showed me He was gonna give us a building in Geoagiu, to further extend our ministry. In November we found a property for sale that, 'very coincidentally' was located right next to the Roma community of Geoagiu. The location was perfect and with the side construction and everything it appeared to be perfect to work there. In faith we stepped to the owners and negotiated about the prize. We got the prize down to 45000€. We took it in our prayers and left it for what it was. There was no chance on earth we could ever collect such an amount of money.

Even Engeland - Roemenië en terug

In that period we had a group over from England. About 15 English people came to us to divide shoeboxes in the villages. We had a very blessed time with them. About a month later one of the couples emailed us. They said that everybody was really moved by what they had experienced and that they were thinking about how they could help us. A little bit later they emailed us again and asked if they were welcome to fly over again. Of course they were. And so they visited us again on a Monday. From England to Romania and back, how crazy is that! That couple is called Chris and Trish and they are part of an English organization 'AmenTrust'.

Blessing after blessing

They arrived here around 11 o'clock in the morning and we started to share our hearts and prayed together. All there was said was very encouraging for us as for them. They had brought a water purification system with them and told us that they could bring much more. What a blessing! Knowing that so many people, especially young children and elderly, are constantly sick because they only have polluted river water to drink in the Roma village of Orăștie. They were also very keen about going to talk with the mayor of Orăștie, which we did later that day. Together we're hoping to start a building project in Orăștie. What a blessing!

Some gifts

Before we left our home we sat at the table to have lunch and while we were eating they said that there was more. They asked us what the price was of that property in Geoagiu so we said 45000€. 'Great' they said, they had been sharing our vision with several people in England and also that group (which came to help us in December) was very keen of helping us with this. They continued their conversation with: 'some people had it on their heart to put some money together for that property and we are very happy to say that we can give you 40000€.' We quickly did the math, 40000€ is exactly 45000€!!!! Unbelievable!!



Meeting with the mayor of Orăștie

We took off in the direction of Geoagiu, picked up Dave along the way (Dave McGuire is an Englishman who lives and works in Sigisoara), we visited some families and prayed for some sick (who got healed!). After that we had the meeting with the mayor of Orăștie. Also this meeting was very interesting! We had a very pleasant conversation and felt free to openly share our hearts. The mayor was very prepared to realize things together. So now it's up to us to make up a plan about how we would approach and do things. Than this plan will hopefully be approved in the city hall and than again we'll have to let go and see if somehow money comes our way. Chris and Trish were very satisfied with everything and are very excited to see things get started.

A whole new door is opening! In addition 'AmenTrust' already has let us now that they are very happy to continue financially support the work in Geoagiu!

If all this isn't a big thing, then what is!



Again a successful event

So now we're back home since a small week. We've been in Belgium, for six weeks this time, where we could enjoy the hospitality of the Soetaert family again. We had the privilege of having several presentations, which is always very encouraging for us. We're looking back at a mega-successful event where we had 350 eaters. Thank you so much to the people who came!



Our girls

We had a big birthday party for our daughter Marie-Lou who already turned five. And above everything we had the privilege to welcome our newest miracle. On the 9th of April our number three, Rosalie, was born. The biggest blessing of all!



Thankfull for what was and what's coming

We're so thankful for the past period where we had several hard, but also very beautiful moments. So now we're back home, we're preparing us for another very busy period. But most of all, we're very curious how everything will go now. We hope to have enough finances to make some extra rooms under our roof, because three children sleeping and playing all in the same room is really getting to much. Half May our first visitors start coming, two groups in June, in September another transport and hopefully our first two EVS-volunteers, ... all very exciting!

All glory and honor to Him!!!

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

- for a good and successful end of the purchase of the property in Geoagiu
- for the building project in Orăștie. How and what does God wants with this
- for a healthy balance between work and three children during a very busy period
- for a blessed and fruitful time with all the visitors and the two groups who are coming in June.
- for enough finances so we can built some extra rooms for our own
- for the preparations of a new transport in Belgium and for the save arrival in Romania at the end of the summer.
- for His guidance at all time in everything we do
- for always having enough faith to do what we need to do

PROJECTS

- Create social surveys and help with basic needs
- Pelunca Family Files (PFF): build houses, rebuild, purchase stoves.
- Pelunca 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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- for the new and still unknown prospects as for the beautiful growth of our (His) project.
- to Him Who is the Source of everything!