Pelunca ON THE FIELD

Hallo Hallo!

As if we don't have enough work already, let's spend some time on writing a newsletter! But no worries. We love to update you on what was going on the last weeks! Above that, we have to deal with increasing snow.

Because of this, a day at the Pc with a good cup of coffee (from time to time) is not bad at all.

Good job in Geoagiu

We worked a lot on the building in Geoagiu. We took out big gates for example, walls were built, we placed doors, we finally have concrete... All in all enough was done for us to be able to start with some activities.

The winter jackets, we received in September, were sorted and we brought them to the building. There, the people could come to choose a jacket, a scarf and a hat. Everything went well! Everybody was calm and respectful and there were no fights.

Normally, these people have a short fuse and the smallest problem can lead to chaos. So in the end, we were very thankful for this!

Also with the children of the village, we made a program on the property which went very well. It's nice to see their thankfulness and happiness on getting attention. Nonetheless, also the adults have a childish joy when they talk about the building. To think that God gave us this building for them! It is great, to see the uprising hope of the people and their lifes bit by bit...





Building a new place to sleep

Moreover, we also worked a lot on our own house. Finally, we hoped to get our new rooms done before winter. But because of all the work we already have, we kept on putting it aside. So again we have to spend a winter close together in moldy rooms. We will continue working on the rooms until the holidays and then we make a break until spring. We are already very grateful for what could be done and we are looking forward to finish it!

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Young enthusiastic people

We also had a nice group of 29 people from a school in Breda and together we shared a fantastic time! A lot of windows were replaced, doors delivered, roof tiles moved...they couldn't get enough. These days were intense. We worked, played, laughed and had a good time, nonetheless some tears were cried from the young, emotional people, confronting themselves with the life conditions of the people in the village.

What a privilege, to have these enthusiastic groups twice a year!



Hopeless situations

With the upcoming winter, people are afraid and desperate because of the circumstances in which they have to face the cold days and nights.

The Family "Motoi" for example, lives in one house (4x4m) with ten children.

Their door is totally ruined. Where there would be glass, they closed it with planners. With 12 people in total, they sleep on a few mattresses on the cold ground.

And this is only one, of many families... But we tried to help as much as we could: We bought stoves and placed them, in addition we brought beds and extra winter clothes (indeed also for Family Motio).

Moreover, we made a "rent contract" with a man, which made it possible for him to have a warm place to sleep, instead of standing the freezing nights outside. For a few years, he had to sleep on the 2nd floor of a house, directly under the roof, only closed with blankets. Inhumane and cruel...Often, the man was covered in snow when he woke up in the morning.

We found someone, who had a small house to rent, and helped him, by making a "rent contract" and paying for the first four months. This means at least he can make it through the winter. We tried to collaborate as much as we could with the mayor but unfortunately until now, we only got empty promises. The mayor asked us, to help a single mother with four children by helping them to build a decent house. Because the house they live in now, is in a really bad shape. It is made with dirt, no to wind tight, no decent stove... Of course this is not the only family that asks our help, so we have to be careful how to spend our budgets. We did our best and bought the bricks and cement, to work on the house with support of the mayor. But nothing came from their side, so again this family has to spend the winter in a bad house.

Hopefully we can do more for them in spring.



Shoeboxes for all the children

This month, we had a group from England. Around eight people came, with the team of "Amen Trust", to help us dividing the Christmas shoe boxes. We are so blessed with such a beautiful collaboration.

In total, we had around 360 parcels to hand out. We got 160 from England, 100 from Belgium and around 100 our lovely volunteers made. They are such a blessing!

So all in all, we had enough for the children of Romos, Orastie and Vaidei.

In Geoagiu, every Family received a "Family Box".

200 foodparcels

Also, 1300 kg of food was bought to make around 200 food parcels.

Some people from our church in Deva came to help us purchase all the food. We divided it in three cars and transported it to the building in Geoagiu.

Once we got there, we unloaded it again and sorted it nicely so we could start to make the parcels. Two days later we met again at the building with some enthusiastic people from church. We divided it in four cars and drove in the Roma village.

Every Family got a food parcel and every child received a teddy bear. A blessed day for the receivers as for the givers. And the snow brought extra joy on top of it.

A big thanks to all the givers of teddy bears and the sponsors of food parcels!



Our two hardworking girls

Thankfully we also have our two EVS volunteers, who are working all the day. Otherwise we would not know how to get everything done. They are taking care of extra children programs, in which the children of Romos are getting the chance to dance, sing, learn English,...

All the social lists are saved on the PC now, they help with paper work, work in the barn with the clothes,... Whole mountains are being moved!





Introducing the latest project

Our latest project "Make a difference", which means that by loving you can make a difference, by donating $25 \in$ each month, the sponsor can make a difference in the life of a poor child, with this contribution we will be able to support the child with school supplies for example, we will give food parcels (especially during the winter period) and if it is necessary, we help the child/family to improve the house.

If you want to have more information about this project, send us a mail: tijsjessicapriem@pelunca.be It will be online on our wibesite soon! Do you like our project and would you like to help us, to give others a better life? This can be done by:

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Single donation or monthly amount.

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PRAYER

- to start with the work in Geoagiu, we have to get the paperwork done, Requests have to made...pray with us that everything can go quickly and without complications
- For wisdom, concerning the further renovation works on the property and the building
- To get the permission to expand on the property
- For further finances
- For protection for the property, the building and the things that are already inside
- For the people in the Roma village in Orastie, they have a hard time during the cold days, for a quicker solution to build proper houses
- Pray that the new project will bloom and that it will make a difference for the families, the first sponsor is already a fact
- For our EVS volunteers, they are halfway their EVS period, and they have seen a lot.

PROJECTS

- Create social surveys and help with basic needs
- Pelunca Family Files (PFF): build houses, rebuild, purchase stoves.
- Pelunca Food Parcels (PFP): Compose and distirbute 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

- thankful that we could already start doing things in the building
- That everything went safely until now
- For all the parcels we could bring to the people
- For all the enthusiastic people from our church "punctul central"
- Thanks to all the sponsors and all the people who pray with us
- Thanks to our homefrontteam for being present again on several events
- And the biggest thanks to our sweet Lord who is the biggest Source of all!

