



# Pelunca

## ON THE FIELD



### Hello everyone!

### Counting down

Another month and we are back in Belgium again for a few weeks. We're looking forward to be together with family and friends again and we're very thankful for the several presentations we will have as well. It will be interesting again making another presentation. Always so much to say but always in a relative short time. So many things were going on, so many things had happened, just so much to talk about. Just like this newsletter, where to start, what do I tell and what not, how to make long stories short again so I won't end up writing a newsletter that goes on for pages. So okay, let's see...



### Helping hands! Thanks guys!!

We're looking back on a couple of very interesting months. Halfway June we had another large group from The Netherlands again. A lot of enthusiastic students did a lot of good work. We dug some foundations, placed some windows and doors, a lot of painting inside and outside the center, children program, ... About that week alone I already could go one for a whole page. But of course there is way more.



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## And we keep on building!

In July we received another Dutch group thanks to Jan and Gerry. A team of construction workers came for one day. Although it was only for one day, they managed to build four walls on the foundation we made with the previous group. With the next Dutch group of students coming next month we will build the roof. Then finally the whole Trandafir family will be able to sleep inside this winter. Until now they had to sleep in shifts. With 13 children in a small house from 4x4 meters, it's just not possible. Little Marin is already very enthusiastic about the new room.



## Big thanks to the Americans

After the first group of The Netherlands we could welcome the group from America. Last year they were with 5, but this year they came with 12. So great to get to know more new, enthusiastic and beautiful people. Again we made sure there were enough volunteers to translate and so we could fill up a whole week of activities. Playing, sports, face painting, storytelling and theatre, ... just awesome! We're really looking forward having them again next year. What a blessing! Of course we wouldn't be able to do all these things with different groups if it wasn't for Jan and Gerry providing accommodation with three meals a day. So nice to work together like this.



## Second camp

Right after an amazing week with the Americans our first camp of the summer followed. A whole week at 'Casa harului' (House of grace) between the beautiful mountains of Varmaga. Together with the Roma-kids from Romos and Romanian children from Vaidei we had an amazing camp again. So beautiful how, after only one day, all discrimination disappeared and everyone just worked and played together as one. Love your neighbour as you love yourself! Don't consider yourself higher than the other! Sounds so simple, but definitely doesn't come naturally.



## Cinema on wheels

Through some other people we know we got in touch with another organization, 'Cinema pe roți' (cinema on wheels). And so we also had them coming to us for the first time. Two evenings in a row in Geoagiu and after Geoagiu two evenings in Romos. This organization came with a van that had a big screen placed on top, big sound system, materials to play, chips or sandwiches and something to drink for all the children. Every evening we played in different small groups and painted their faces, until the sun went down. Once the sun was down we gathered the children to watch an instructive, but pleasant movie. Also these four evenings were so beautiful, we cannot wait to have em again next year.



During the summer months we had, and still have, children programs every Friday afternoon, outside at the centre. One time 50 children, another time 70 or 80, ... . All of these children only went occasionally, or even never, to school. All of them have to fight to survive their hard existence. So definitely not the most easy going ones, and definitely when running the programs alone. So, never ending thankfulness for Simona and Alex! They've been coming, and still are, on Friday, to help us voluntarily! Every time full of enthusiasm! Two wonderful people with a big heart for these precious children!

And also a big thank you to the visitors we had this summer. Having visitors is nice, but very nice if they have a pair of hands that can help.



## Second camp of the summer

Then it was already time for our second camp. Again at 'Casa harului' in Varmaga, but this time with children from two orphanages. Together with an amazing group from England (who financed and arranged the whole camp) and a group from Romania we had a very intense week. Every child so special, but unfortunately each one with its own painful background. Some parentless, some were abandoned, some been taken away cuz off inhuman circumstances.... We heard the most heart breaking stories! So how big is the blessing and privilege being able to spend an amazing week with them.



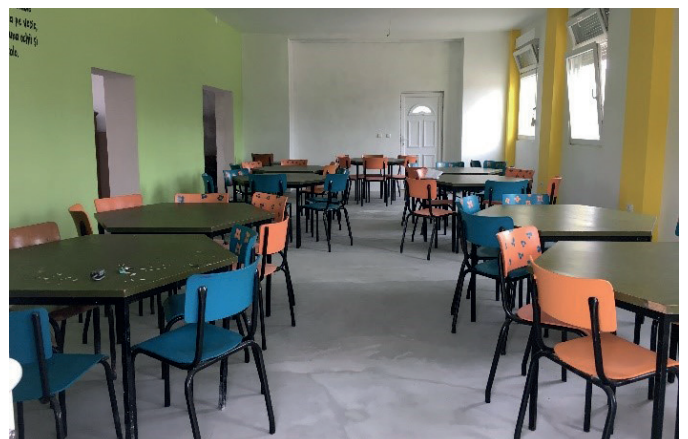
## Step by step

In the past months we also renovated a lot at the centre. I can also say so much about everything we've done, but I guess the pictures will say enough. For now it is good enough to start several projects, so that's just awesome! But still we remain without heating, and it's already getting colder. This will cost us 2100€. If someone would find it in his/her heart to help us with this, that would be amazing. Every bit helps! Transactions can be done on the Romanian account of Pe lunca: Asociația "Pe lunca" Ajutoare Umanitare România, IBAN RO16BRDE220SV69370862200.

**Maybe also nice to know! On the 11th of November we will be in Belgium this time, so it also means we will be present on the VVP-day (big event where a lot of churches come together) in Brabantstal Leuven. Let's all go, you never know if you are in the neighbourhood ;) !**

So, I think I've said enough for now. Thanks for reading and enjoy your blessings!

To Him be all the 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:

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Single donation or monthly amount.

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## PRAYER

- A positive start for the different projects at centre 'Inima Lui'. Pray that we only will further develop and continue His works.
- Help with all the paperwork to get accreditation at the centre
- Extra financial support so we can hire a social worker (which is obliged)
- More volunteers
- A good collaboration between us and school so the Roma children can get the help they need to succeed
- The up-start of worship meetings, for the right people to help us with this.
- Finances for heating in the centre
- Positive start of collaboration with the gynaecologist
- Protection for our family
- The following group of students from Holland. For a beautiful and enriching experience.
- Our next visit to Belgium.

## Pe lunca Child Program

Arrived in September we could finally start our school project, 'Pe lunca Child Program'. Thanks to individual sponsors we could buy all the needed school supplies for the children. We had a lot of meetings at the school and it costed us a lot of effort just to find out how many classes, what classes and so in which class they must restart.

It involved a lot of paperwork, parents had to sign an agreement for letting their children go to school. But finally we received the approval from the school council! So these children can finally go to school 'again'. 9 small ones that will start in kindergarten and 12 that will start primary school.

None of them would've had a chance to go if it wasn't from this project. There's just nobody else who cares! But it is their chance now, their right for a better future. We are so thankful for the beautiful collaboration between us, the care teacher (Maria) and the school mediator (Ovidiu). Both of them are working in the school of Geoagiu. It is incredibly how much they've been helping us to get this realized! Our hearts are overflowing from gratitude and love towards our sponsors, because also without you none of this would've been possible.

**If there are more people who are willing to sponsor a child, please let us know. There are so many more children who never went to school, or toddlers who won't get a chance, and they are so longing to go. In January we will be able to get more children started, but this will only happen if we get more children sponsored of course. We as Pe lunca we just don't have enough funds to carry this ourselves. We need you!**

## 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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## THANKS

- All the volunteers we have! With children work, with the children-school-project, with sorting the clothes in our barn and now also with homework support.
- All the people who came to help and of course also the several groups we had the past months.
- Our home front-team that, behind the scene, is sorting and working to get the storage location organized.
- The beautiful donation we received from the VVP thanks to the MMM-action. So many people had put their shoulders under this project.
- All the donations we receive month after month.
- All the different projects we have. All the projects we will start with. For the organization in general that is still growing! God is so big!!!

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