



Pelunca

ON THE FIELD



Buna ziua, buna ziua or good day, good day.

In the meantime we have been back home in Romania for some weeks now. In Belgium we were able to enjoy almost three full weeks of visits, lectures and this time also the VVP-meeting day. We were so happy to be there again. We strolled along all the interesting stands, saw many familiar faces, had encouraging conversations, good praise and worship, followed by a blissful sermon. We found new reading material to take home. In short, a super blissful day! Everyone who missed the VVP day, next year, November 11th, put it in your agenda!!

A few days after the VVP meeting day, we were back on a plane home, ready to start working again.



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Fire in Roma village Geoagiu

A week before we left for Belgium there was a fire in Geoagiu. Very early in the morning I was called by Yacob (Roma boy who is the concierge of the centre 'Inima Lui'). He told me, with a lot of sadness in his voice, that five houses had burned down completely and two partially. The old man Petruț, from the house where the fire started, died. It took about an hour before the fire brigade arrived, whereas normally this could and should have been within 15 minutes. Little do they care about the Roma's, they didn't even bother to come with their fire truck. So they tried extinguishing the fire with buckets and water from the river, unbelievable. We rushed to Geoagiu as soon as possible and found only depressed and poorly clothed people how had lost everything in the fire. Some of the children were only wearing their underwear in the cold.

We immediately took action. We managed to give every person that was affected by the fire a clothing package by the end of the day. That first day our pastor (Coco) came with Julian, another member of our church. They had done some shopping and immediately started to make sandwiches for the people. We also went to the town hall to discuss the plans to help the people. They had an emergency plan ready that looked promising, but of which unfortunately few became reality. The people were assigned to an old building where they could sleep on mattresses on the ground but with far too few blankets and no sanitary facilities. The place wasn't even heated the first night.

We did what we could by providing the people with a warm meal each day and gave them some big water bottles so they could refresh themselves. We tried to collect as much money as possible and we started renovating the half-burnt houses right away. In no time the budgets started to come in and we were sure that we could pay for all the windows, doors and for each one we could buy a new stove which can also be used for cooking. From Belgium we received beds and mattresses for everyone. The city hall of Geoagiu supplied sand and cement and new roofs were installed. The Roma had to renovate/rebuild and plaster their own walls themselves. This meant that no one could do any work to earn some money and buy food, oh boy.

Now we are very happy and grateful to announce that all people have a warm house to live in again.



Who were all the helpers?

The fire was a big ordeal! We could never rebuild and help all the people on our own, so we would like to thank the many helpers.

On day one we had our pastor Coco and Iulian from the church who came with food. Cristina (Roma girl who has been working with us for three years) and Alina (Romanian mom of 7 children who have been working voluntarily for a year) who worked their butts off to get all the clothing packages ready. Simona (who has been volunteering to help with the children's work every Friday for the past six months) immediately went with us to the town hall to avoid any misunderstandings and remained the person of contact between us and the city hall. That week Dennis and Gaelle were visiting us. They were an enormous blessing for us and we also

found much support in prayer and financially from you all.

It was such a blessing that while we were in Belgium much of the work continued. Simona kept in touch with us. The city hall together with Alex arranged the placement of all the windows and doors (Alex also comes every Friday voluntarily and is a great help with the children's work). Simona also took care of our house and animals and received the transport from Belgium. Indeed, while we were away, Cindy and Peter came here with a load of beds, blankets, table, and some other stuff.

A very hard, difficult, but blessed period!



While we were in Belgium, the programs kept on going.

Simona continued the children's activities together with Alex, and Anca continued to come to the centre twice a week to continue the after-school homework support. She has been providing homework support with Jessica since September.

First meeting with the project developer

In the meantime, we have also had a few meetings with a project developer. He already provided us with the first plans and assured us that he will get all the papers in order by April next year so that we will be able to start with the building. Of course there is a huge price tag attached to this, for which we have absolutely no funds at the moment. The renovations are necessary and some of them are even mandatory to be able to work there. We believe and trust that this will be okay. So please pray with us that the finances will indeed find their way and that we will be able to bring our work to 'the next level' in this way.

Finishing bookkeeping and preparing for Christmas

At the moment we're not only working on getting all the bookkeeping done, but also, in between all the work, we're getting ready for the Christmas programmes. This week we also bought some decorations to put the centre in a Christmas coat. We will organize our first Christmas event in Geoagiu where the children will be able to show their parents the songs, verses and plays they have learned. The past months we worked hard to get everything perfect. After that we will organize a Christmas event for everyone and the music team of our church will bring everyone into Christmas spirit. All of this will be accompanied by pastries and hot drinks.



The group of England, from Amen-trust, will be present at the children's Christmas event, and we will hand out about 178 Christmas parcels to the families of Geoagiu. Each family will be able to receive such a package, which contains something for everyone. Also in Orăștie a lot of parcels will be distributed. In addition, thanks to our dear Krista, we received a lot of shoeboxes filled with toys for the children of Romos and Vaidei. So it promises to be a busy, but blessed Christmas and end of the year again.



Also for all of you a merry Christmas and a pleasant New Year. We wish you all an abundantly blessed 2020!

God bless you all!

To Him be all honour 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

- Please pray with us for all the children we had at school for the first time. That they persevere despite the discrimination and the harsh winter
- That we may always understand what His will is for everything.
- That the plans of the developer will indeed be ready and approved by spring.
- Of course also for the finances for this.
- The start of the worship evenings.
- The start of the sewing project. And Aria (from America) who will take care of this as much as possible during her stay here.
- A further good relationship between us and the care coordinator.
- For the social worker whom God has intended for us.
- Please also pray with us so that we can get all the paperwork concerning EVS back in order. At the beginning of summer we would welcome Bavo.
- Please also pray for protection. For us as a family, for our volunteers, as well as for the centre.
- That we may always be full of His love and that every step we take may come from it.
- Pray that we will not fall short of faith and that He will always receive all honour and glory.

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

- For the past year full of blessings, that despite attacks we felt very close to God and we can always enjoy His victory.
- For all the blessings that await us.
- For the many miracles, healings and touches.
- That we always have just enough money.
- For all the work we could do at the centre as well as at our own home.
- For the many support we can enjoy.
- For the 30 children we got in school.
- For our volunteers.
- For our beautiful family.
- That God uses us to make His name great. For His abundant love, grace and patience!
- For 2020 which will probably also be awesome.