

## Hello dear people

I know the last newsletter came your way not so long ago, but for practical reasons you'll get another one already.

#### **Unexpected visit to Belgium**

As you all probably know, we spent the first weeks of the new year unexpected in Belgium where we were at the side of Jean-Pierre (stepfather of Jessica). The doctors were convinced that his end was near, but in the meantime he is still stable.

Even though everything is still hanging by a thread. We are very grateful that we could be there for him and Patricia in this very difficult period and we hope and pray that we will be able to see him again in April.

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## Wederzijdse liefde, zalig gewoon!

When we finally got back home at the end of January we immediately picked up everything where we had left it. The center 'Inima Lui' was still in a Christmas atmosphere so we had to change that right away so everything would be ready for after school homework, children's programs and the latest project with the moms.

The children were so happy to see us again, they really went crazy. We started immediately with the children programs and the homework group. The parents were also very grateful and happy that we were back. When we told them why we had been away for three weeks we could really count on so much understanding from them. It is so wonderful to have a deeper relationship with them now. We could almost do absolutely nothing in the beginning with these people. But every time we went back with love up front and so we indeed see that love is the most powerful weapon of all. People still have a very short fuse, but their love for us prevails more and more. So wonderful!



## Latest project, big success!

At the beginning of February we had to pick up Aria at the airport of Sibiu. Aria comes from North America and is a super sweet, enthusiastic and creative girl with a heart of gold.

Well prepared and full of energy she arrived here and started our latest project together with Jessica, sewing with the moms. Instead of just 'being' or going out on the streets to prostitute, a lot of moms can now come to the center twice a week to make all kinds of fun and beautiful things. What they make we will try to sell, probably when we come to Belgium, or we see which doors will open up for this.

One thing is already very clear, the women enjoy it to the fullest and really do their very best.

Being away from their misery, feeling worthy and appreciated, having a nice chat with a cup of coffee and they can even earn some money with it. And eventually what they make is really worth it.

There is only one problem, soon the room will be way to small and sewing machines will be too short because enthusiastic moms are added every time







## **Blessed with new friends**

Last weekend we went to visit an American couple (Jacob and Cami) who, together with their six children, are also missionaries here in Romania. We are very, very grateful for these people. Not only are they willing to help us when we might need them, but above all because it clicked so well between us and we certainly have new friends in the area. Family and friends are still what we miss the most, so these are blessings that we cherish very much. Jacob had arranged three places for me (Tijs) to speak, once for a youth group, on Sunday morning church service, and Sunday evening on an evangelization. It was a privilege to be there to encourage so many people.





#### On tv!

On 25th of February we were expected in Timisoara in a tv studio. There we were also asked to talk about how God completely changed our lives and about what we are doing here with and for Him. It was a very special experience that we enjoyed to the fullest. Beautifully laid out decor, several cameras aimed at us together with great lighting, and the interview could begin. So in May it will be broadcasted on TV in two episodes. We pray that it will touch many hearts and at least make people think about life and God.

## Bookkeeping passed on

Meanwhile we still have a lot of paperwork. To get officially accredited in Geoagiu we still have to keep climbing to get over that mountain of paperwork. Also to be able to hire a social worker some paperwork has to be done and even our volunteers still need to have volunteer contracts. Then we still have the bookkeeping, which is getting bigger and bigger every year, but it's finally in its final stage. At the beginning of March we'll bring it to Tirgu-Mures.

The good news is that Alina will take over the bookkeeping from us as of this year. Alina has been working for us voluntarily for a long time. She sorts and makes parcels in the barn, helps with the sewing project and now she will also take care of the bookkeeping. And all this voluntarily! What a blessing!





### **General budget**

I would also like to mention in this newsletter that due to the growth of the organisation, more and more people are starting to support us more specifically. E.g. purely for children's work, or building and renovating, food, families, child adoption, etc. This is simply fantastic, but it does mean that people donate less for our general budget. This general budget is also crucial for further growth. Not only the general costs of the organization are paid for from this, but also the workmen for e.g. building and renovating houses, working on and around the center, ... When all the papers are in order, we could soon start to further expand and build on our domain in Geoagiu. These works are required by the government to be allowed to do what we do there. For this we are going to need at least five workmen. Also the social worker that we are obliged to hire, and urgently need, will have to be paid from this budget.

With this I want to bring it to your attention again, because if you don't know the needs, it's also difficult to respond to them. So if there are people who have it in their heart to contribute to this, please always mention 'General budgets' specifically. Thank you so much!

So, I think I've covered the most important things for now. I would say, 'until the next newsletter', but maybe we'll see each other sooner during our annual benefit on the 4th of April, or during one of the planned presentations.

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

- That Jean-Pierre may keep holding on for a long time to come and that he shall give his heart to the Lord;
- Please continue praying for all the children we already had at school, but certainly also for the second generation that hopefully will be able to start soon;
- We may always understand what His will is for everything;
- That the plans of the project developer will indeed be ready and approved by spring and of course also for the finances for this;
- That the general budget shall grow again;
- For sufficient and reliable workmen;
- The start of the worship evenings. Unfortunately, we still haven't gotten around to this;
- A further good understanding between us and the care coordinator;
- For the social worker that God intended for us;
- For the benefit on the 4th of April;
- For Bavo who comes to us for a year at the beginning of June as a volunteer;
- Please also pray for protection. For us as a family, for our volunteers, as well as for the center;
- For more time with our own children;
- That we may always be full of His love and that every step we take may result from this;
- Pray that we do not fall short of faith and that He always receives all honor 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 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

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- For last year's wonderful ending. The Christmas celebrations were great!;
- The time we had with Jean-Pierre;
- For all the blessings that await us;
- For the many miracles, healings and touches;
- That we always have enough financially;
- For all the work we were able to do on the center;
- For the many support we are allowed to enjoy;
- For the 30 or so children who still go to school;
- For our volunteers;
- For our beautiful family;
- The start of the sewing project which is a great success;
- For Aria who is a real blessing;
- For our new friends, the Goggins;
- The opportunities we get to testify of our Lord;
- That God is using us to make His name great. For His abundant love, grace and patience

