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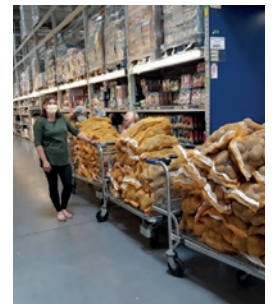


Hey good people, here we are again!



What a special time!

It's been a while since you heard from us, but that doesn't mean that nothing happened here, on the contrary! As you know, we provided food for 125 families every week during the lockdown. These were huge budgets that, thank God, were sent to us. As always, always just enough. No surplus, but also nothing short. An enormous blessing, but it did make us think.



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What if we start breeding ourselves?

A big job, but in the long run a lot cheaper. Our hearts caught fire and we immediately took the cow by the horns. At the same time we were very encouraged with a new contact that 'coincidentally' came our way. During the lockdown our friend Pete was stuck in England and got to know someone called Colin. They got to talking and it turned out that Colin provides a lot of poor people with food through his own cultivation, very interesting man! Pete told Colin about us (ignorant about our new plans) and Colin was immediately very impressed and wanted to contact us with the proposal to start breeding ourselves.

In the meantime we called each other several times now, always very encouraging, but also very instructive as he has a lot of experience in this field. So in the meantime, a few months later, we already have about thirty chickens to breed, fifteen giant rabbits, seven ducks and our first fresh vegetables. So we didn't sit still during the lockdown, but started building cages and boxes for our animals. We still have a lot of work to do before everything will be ready. At the moment the rabbits are still in small pens and also for the ducks there needs to be a better facility, but step by step everything will be fine. Also a small storage room for maintenance supplies, pet food and hay has yet to be made. We are already grateful for the helping hands of our kids.



So this is our newest project which we are very excited about. The intention is that, for example, with time, people will get a couple of rabbits to breed from there selves. Of course, that is easier said than done, because there is still a whole process involved. People are simply not used to thinking ahead at all. So before we get them to take good care of the animals, and not to eat them all at once, ...

But in the meantime we have achieved so much with them that we are firmly convinced that this project will not miss its goal either. If you would like to help us to support this project, that would be awesome, because the food, hay and straw, building cages, ... it all costs a lot. Support is welcome at the account number of Pe lunca, in Belgium: 'Op het Veld' IBAN BE29103049198064.

Homework club

Of course, this is not the only thing we have done in the past weeks/ months. We continued with our homework club. Well, homework was transformed into teaching. Every child gets individual worksheets and also learns and plays with the letters of the alphabet. In the beginning we almost had to drag some of the children to the center and we had to insist on getting there on time. Now we arrive at the center and the children are already waiting for us. Isn't that just fantastic!

In the meantime, of course, it became a bit more difficult to organize everything properly because of the measures. But the children have their own masks. So we continue! We hope they will be well prepared for the start of the new school year. If the children will be a bit more up to level, this will cause one less reason for discrimination anyway. Then just before school starts we will provide each of them with decent clothes, shoes, the necessary school materials and of course we will be ready for them after school to continue working.



A break for our family, vacation at the black sea.

At the beginning of the summer we took a short break ourselves. We went to the sea in Romania, enjoying with our kids. Normally we have visitors month after month and now this was not possible anymore because of corona. We have missed our family and friends the last few months, but on the other hand we could enjoy our family alone for a while. We are grateful for all the visits over and over again, but now also for this period together.



Clothing, clothing, clothing...

Then we threw ourselves right back in. Developing the animal project further, but also work with the clothing again. Pfff. That barn and all those clothes. It's still quite a task every time, but once everyone can be provided with a box of clothes, I'm happy to do it.

Cristina and Alina made a lot of parcels. These were all transported to Geoagiu. Past two weeks all boxes were loaded. And load by load they were/are brought to Geoagiu. Quite a job... In the meantime we are finished and we can start with those who didn't get anything yet



A small load from GAIN

A few weeks ago we also received another shipment from the Netherlands. GAIN drove through Romania again and Krista and Geert made sure we also received some of these goods.

Boxes full of schoolbags to give to the kids. We'll hand them out just before school. Thank you very much to all who made this possible and made it possible to bring them here.



Where are we now with the center 'Inima Lui'?

As far as the expansion of the center is concerned, all papers are almost complete. This means that we can start demolishing and building up. The main building will of course remain, but we will have to build a sanitary block there. On the other side of our property there the metal roof has to be completely demolished and rebuilt. All this is necessary to be in line with legislation, to be able to continue doing what we are doing, and what we still have in mind. It goes without saying that all of this goes hand in hand with a huge cost. Paperwork alone costs 6300€! This is all money we don't have yet, but we believe it will arrive when God wants it.

We don't really know yet how we will do the work. With a company it will be extra expensive, and with our local workers it will take a whole lot longer and it will also bring a lot more work for us. The last thing we thought of was construction teams. It would be great if we could get some construction teams to help us with this and thus help to further develop our project. We see, we think and pray further and are already convinced that everything will become clear in time.

Now, I'm going to stop typing, I still have to feed all the animals (because it's already 9am, so I'm already late) and then back to the tablet to continue this newsletter.

God bless you all!

To Him be all 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

- The renovations in Geoagiu will cost us a lot, especially if we want to comply with all the rules for a day center. So that when inspection comes everything will be approved immediately. Please pray with us for finances.
- We also started the construction of a small extra bathroom at our home, for our visitors. Because of corona this went kinda on a hold. There are no finances at all anymore. God knows the time to go on with it. We can only pray.
- Pray for Mircea and Gabi (our workers), they are about to be baptized, but they can't make the decision. Every time they want to take the step effectively, an enormous inner fight arises. This speaks for itself of course. All the more reason to fight back with prayer.
- Pray for the children who have no programs for so long, but certainly also for those who keep coming to the lessons.
- Pray for a good new start at school for all our Roma kids and our own kids. Lowie goes to the first grade (clasa pregatitoare) and Marie-Lou the second grade (clasa intai).
- Please also pray for us personally, we have struggled through difficult times again. Especially the children can't cope with the lack of family and friends in the long run.
- For protection, wisdom, peace, love, ...
- Pray that we always have enough faith in everything, and continue to look up to Him and Him alone.

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
- Pelunca Child Program: Financially adopt a child
- 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

- So grateful for the quality time we already had and have with our children. It makes us realize how important it is to rest more often.
- Grateful for our newest project with the vegetables and the animals, for the blessing that this will be for the people as well as for ourselves.
- Grateful that we could already pay half of all the paperwork for Geoagiu.
- Grateful for all the support we get
- Grateful for our beautiful family, my o so lovely wife and our three amazing children. What a blessing!
- Thank you very much for your prayers
- So thankful that we can be called children of God.
- So thankful for His faithfulness, love, comfort, encouragement, reality, miracles, corrections, ..., His Father's heart.

Welcome in our team Dinah

Since a few weeks we also have a few extra helping hands. Dinah, a diligent lady from England stays temporarily in Romania. She helped us a lot with the clothes distribution. She is also going to Geoagiu with Simona and me when we make family visits and renew the surveys. New energy! Welcome Dinah and thank you for the help we already got from you.

