



Pelunca

ON THE FIELD



Hello dear followers.

First of all, I want you to know that we still deeply appreciate you, we don't take anything for granted and so still very much appreciate you taking the time to read our letters and messages. We are extremely grateful for your heart for what we are doing here in Romania.

First, we proudly introduce our dear Lowie's eighth birthday. Yep, on 25th of November it was party time again!



Grow and bloom

So as I mentioned earlier, the organisation is running at full speed and continues to grow and bloom. But not only does the operation continue to grow, the Pe lunca team also continues to expand. Simona is still by our side after all this time and we have been enjoying the extra help of Bavo and Dinah for over two years now. But also Salina (sister of Jessica) will join us in January for a year of EVS.

And this is certainly not all!

In April/May this year (2022) we received an email from a certain Samuel & Annelies, asking if they would be welcome here to visit with their five children (one of which is still in the belly enjoying mom's warmth). After some emailing back and forth, we agreed that they could come here for a week in September. With every email we received, Jessica and I were always very moved in our hearts with them, exactly as if God had something serious in store. So we were very much looking forward to getting to know them. What was supposed to be one week became two weeks, two weeks that we all enjoyed immensely.

Meanwhile, I will just make a long and intense story short, Samuel & Annelies are scheduled to move here with their family to fully engage within Pe lunca. Their final move is scheduled for June. We are very grateful for this addition and are all prayerfully living towards it. This is sure to be a great blessing. This also means that a moving van will be needed, but that we could also transport the things that are now stored in Belgium with the same transport. So praying for finding a company willing and able to help us, and more finances, my oh my!



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Already eight years in Romania

After almost 8 years in Romania, we are still full steam ahead, and the operation itself continues to grow and prosper. At the center in Geoagiu, the programs are running at full speed.

Homework club

Here the children are supervised twice a week after school. We help them with their homework and, if necessary, give them some extra work/ tutoring to bring them up to the required educational level. But very important is to keep motivating and encouraging them to keep going to school. Because of their backwardness and the prevailing discrimination, this is very often a huge task for them.



A fresh, hot meal for the children

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, when children attend homework club, the children are offered a hot or cold meal at the centre during the break.



Children's program

On Fridays we have the children's program: still we remain committed to this as well. It is so important to teach the children in this way, in a playful way, to teach them values and norms, to love them and treat them with respect so that they can discover their own value and sometimes just let the children be children. Enjoying being creative and allowing their abilities to emerge.



Mothers & toddlers

With the help of creative programs, the young moms learn a lot. Often the teen moms are not aware of anything and barely know what and how to do with their little ones. It's also a way for the little ones and the moms to learn to let go of each other a bit in a pleasant and loving atmosphere. And at the same time, the little ones are prepared for kindergarten during the programs.



Elderly group

The elderly also get their turn and enjoy to the fullest sometimes very simple crafts. But especially the loving attention, the listening ear and the cup of coffee with a cookie is worth gold to them.



The youth

The youth is also getting more and more attention: starting with soccer games to build a deeper relationship with them as well. And once we have more space in the center, we want to invest more time in them there as well. We really see that relationships can change a lot.



Helping where we can

The material help is also still going on, perhaps to a lesser extent because of the high costs of the center, but where the need is biggest, we are still ready to do whatever we can. So we are still giving out stoves, making and distributing food parcels, renewing roofs, giving out doors and windows... But also helping people with clothes and handing out kitchen utensils, for example, is still being organized in the center between programs. Also in the Roma village of Orastie we try to meet the highest needs as often as possible.



Started in faith

Reconstruction work on the centre also started again. A ring beam urgently needs to be made on the centre so that the necessary walls can be built as well as covering what still needs to be covered. In the office and kitchen, we already have some water damage. And once it starts freezing it will only get more difficult.

In addition, the work at home continues. No no, not for ourselves, but soon we already have some groups planned for which sleeping accommodation still needs to be created. The sanitary area for these groups also needs to be seriously tackled. With leftover material from the renovations of the barn, we try to do what we can and furthermore we pray for the other necessary budgets. We believe that everything will be fine. We can only keep going lol.



Roma boots for our Roma kids

So after a long wait and many attempts Jessica finally managed to get the Americans here with their fantastic Roma boots. A wonderful initiative in which a Roma named Samuel comes from America to Romania every year to provide probably a thousand children with good sturdy boots. They did this not only for Pe lunca, but also for many other humanitarian organizations throughout Romania.

We are so grateful for this, because believe me, the children here need sturdy and warm shoes more than bit. What a blessing!

Christmas preparations

As we approach Christmas, we are also busy preparing for it. Soon we will receive again very gratefully numerous shoe boxes. The AmenTrust team will also be present again in order to be a blessing to many children and families.

Jessica and Bavo are working with Dinah and Simona on a Christmas event that will take place at the center. But not Jessica, Dinah and Simona alone, no no, especially the children are going to prepare themselves to entertain all the mummies, daddies, grandmothers and grandfathers to share with them what Christmas is all about.



So dear friends, I will stop here. There is far too much work still waiting for me so dawdling for the moment is definitely not an option. 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:

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Single donation or monthly amount.

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PRAYER

- Please pray for us as a family. We always have a lot of work and too little time. Please pray for protection and unceasing love;
- Pray that our van will pass the inspection. We desperately need it, but it is still barely hanging on;
- Pray for Salina who will soon be coming here for a full year;
- Also for Bavo and Salina as a couple. That they continue to put the Lord first and always function in His will;
- Pray for Samuel & Annelies and their five children. For a good delivery and further good preparations. That they may experience the Lord very close to them during this turbulent period;
- Pray for the Pe lunca team. Both our team here in Romania and our home team in Belgium. May we really function as one;
- Pray for the home front who are busy with a bratwurst sale. May stomachs be filled with His word and tasty sausages of course;
- Pray for the different groups coming over in the near future;
- Pray for further renovations, both in Geoagiu and in the barn and hall. May everything go smoothly, without incidents, and that there will always be sufficient budgets available;
- Pray for the many people we work with, from young to old, that we can make a difference in their hard existence; And that we may be an example of His love!
- Pray that we never fall short of faith, that our vision may become even sharper. And that in all that we do, our Lord may always receive all honor and glory!

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PROJECTS

- Create social surveys and help with basic needs
- Pe Lunca Family Files (PFF): build houses, rebuild, purchase stoves.
- Pe Lunca Food Parcels (PFP): Compose - distribute foodpackages
- Pe Lunca Child Program (PCP): Financially adopt a child
- Pe Lunca Build Program (PBP): Building a community centre
- 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

- Grateful that the organization is running at full speed. It is an enormous privilege to serve our Lord in this way;
- Grateful for the strong bond we have as a family;
- Grateful that our van is still standing for the time being;
- Grateful that our team keeps growing. Even more shall be able to be done soon;
- Grateful that there are already so many encouraging prospects;
- Thankful that our wood supply was finished in time;
- So grateful for your heart for us and what we do. You are a real support to us;
- Oh so thankful for God's faithfulness, love, care, protection, strength and guidance in everything. Without Him we would be nowhere!