



Pelunca

ON THE FIELD

Hello everyone!

Here we go again. Outside about 30°C, Jessica is out with Lynn to do some shopping for Pe lunca, Samuel busy at work in his house with Hannes, Marc and Lode. And me at my leisure typing away on this newsletter. Quiet in our kitchen, enjoying the lukewarm breeze that passes by now and then and especially happy that the kids are playing with some friends a little further down the street. Man they were hectic today! Now, it can't really be otherwise, they haven't had school all week due to a strike going on here. Mom and dad are up to our ears in work and then of course the kids can be troublesome. Fortunately, they can enjoy the quiet village life here to the fullest, playing outside with their friends. Always wonderful to see children enjoying their childhood. We are just so crazy about them.



A blessed time in Belgium

Anyway, you guys are probably more interested in what else has been going on lately. We had a blessed time in April in Belgium with friends and family and also three birthdays in April: dad, Marie-Lou (10) and Rosalie (5). But at the same time also in Belgium we were very busy for Pe lunca as well. We needed to speak in 8 churches, and had a very successful benefit again.



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The center Inima Lui in Geoagiu

There were also several actions to collect money for the construction of the center, which again allowed good work to continue and we can finally say that the sanitary block is almost finished. One more push and we can enjoy a beautiful finished sanitary block.

This of course means that the application for accreditation is getting closer and closer! How blissful it will be to be able to start all the programs again. And more than before even. But first there are still next steps and these are the construction of the next floor and the covering of the courtyard. For this we still have a small start-up budget ready, so we just keep our foot on the gas pedal. And hope that the finances keep coming in so that the work doesn't have to be stopped.

Nothing is happening on the barn for now, no time and no finances, but hey, everything in its time. The center is now priority again!



The children's work

Meanwhile, we restarted the children's work. Not yet on our property of course, but on a large grass field nearby. It's a bit more work to keep the children all under control that way, but it's actually not that bad. Thinking back to how things used to be, we can only be proud of all these special children. They have already changed so much!



Little by little we see a change coming

Also in the Roma village itself we were active again with and without our visitors. Again some new situations were profiled by Jessica. Situations where help is really needed. You should take a look at our website, or on the Pe Lunca Facebook page. We have already helped two more families with some building materials, so that they can improve their standard of living, and we are still puzzling with the money to help a third family. Always so many needs, but just like with the children, there is such a noticeable change in mentality in the village itself, among the adults. So much more understanding, respectful and patient, so much more courage to take initiative and try for themselves. Also, it is always enjoyable to see how many still have their chickens running. Or rabbits. Of course they are not all up to this level yet and there is still work to be done, but then we know what to do. We are incredibly grateful to be able to serve our Lord in this way.



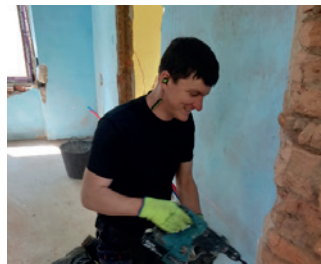
A big thank you for little Emi

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated and prayed for Emi from our village here. A lot of money was collected and the operation on her heart can be done. We also sat down with the mayor about this and now the municipality will also see what they can do for this family. Great, isn't it!



The Osaertjes and their little house

So as I mentioned earlier, Samuel is also back on the scene. He came off to work one last week in their house. Fortunately he was joined by Hannes, Mark and Lode. Hoping they would get it habitable during that week because then the big move is planned for mid-June. A lot of work has already been done, but there is still a lot to do before it will be ready. And of course everything here is not as well organized as Samuel was used to in Belgium. Just to give a small example. One Monday, a man came to pour concrete with the pump. The Monday he called to say it would be Tuesday. The Tuesday he called again to say that a piece of his pump was broken and he was going to try to fix it by the following week. Head over heels I started calling around to find someone else, which luckily succeeded by the following day. Here in Romania you always know someone that knows someone :) So finally the concrete could be poured and there were even about three men ready to pull it even. A job of a few hours turned into a full day. Some pouring, then pump blocked. Some more pouring, pump blocked again. Then suddenly there was way too much and they had to start shipping it all by hand to the next room,... Man, man, Romania, but we love it here ☺



The camps are getting closer

The online meetings with Scotland are beginning to follow each other more frequently, because before we realize it, we will be off again at camp with the children of Vaidei and Romos. With a complete team from Scotland at our disposal and lots of translators, it promises to be another huge blessing! Not only will we work with this team, but they also want to finance the camp. And also in Belgium, the children in the church 'de Hoeksteen' in Ypres are setting up a nice action to help the Roma children pay for their camp! How sweet is this!!! Thank you and many blessings with the action dear kids.

Then we have the camp with the youth of no less than six churches. But first we have a team from America for a week of children's ministry in Geoagiu and Romos.

Yep, always busy, but that's what we're here for and we'll get even more reinforcement in June. Moreover, we will soon be able to hit the road with a new (used) minibus. Chris from England, who is part of Amen-Trust, managed to persuade a bus company to donate this. Amazing! We are so grateful, words fail us!

Now, meanwhile Marie-Lou was already walking through the kitchen and back out again for some unclear reason. So I think it might be wise to have a look. Always interesting when you have very inventive children :D

God's blessings to 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:

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PRAYER

- Work on the center continues as does Amen Trust their fundraise. Please continue to pray with us that we can keep going.
- Please pray for all the children. Last month there was no school at all due to strikes, this is another loss for the children. Education and routine they need.
- Please pray that the programs we start up again may be a blessing to the children.
- Please pray for the right social worker(s). Someone who wants to do this work with the whole heart. May it be an additional blessing for Pe lunca!!!
- Also for the necessary permanent finances so that we can employ a social worker.
- Please pray for the Osaer family. Their move is imminent. Also for their house and the works that still need to be done.
- Also for our own house for our mold walls in our living areas and kitchen that desperately need to be addressed. Everything should be able to be done before next winter, but of course this will require quite a bit of finances.
- For our youngest couple in the organization, Bavo and Salina. What is the Lord's way for them?
- For our little kids. We have had a busy intense period and also a busy summer is ahead of us. We hope to be able to get out as a family.
- Please pray for all the camps that are planned. For the children and an encounter with the Lord.
- For all the people, visits that are scheduled again. May they have a beautiful and fruitful time together.

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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, bible reading)
- Medical Support (Doctor, Purchase of medicines, ...)
- Social support (helping teenage mothers, provide ID cards and other papers)

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THANKS

- Works at the center are moving forward, finances come and go! Praise God!!!
- We are incredibly grateful to be getting another minivan. Once again safe on the road!
- Grateful that the time for a social worker(s) has come. This will become such an added value to Pe lunca at the same time.
- So grateful for the Osaer family. What a blessing they have already been and will continue to be.
- Grateful for our home team who organized yet another amazing benefit.
- Also for everyone who attended the benefit and helped make this possible.
- Big thanks for the sponsor walk in Engelang! Great walk everyone!
- Also to Monica and Kurt from the Koornbloem in Langemark, that their donations go directly to Pe lunca.
- Glad we were welcomed in several churches and really felt that way.
- Thanks to Thibo and Josiah for our great site and their service in always helping us when we messed it up for a moment hihi.

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