Grace Notes

April 2022

HANNAH works in Romania to bring Hope and Nurture to children and families who struggle to care for their own.
The work focusses on strengthening families and building links within their communities by providing social work support and training.

Hannah's prayer is also HANNAH's prayer …

"There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God… He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap"

1 Samuel 2 v 2,8.

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Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat! Krisztus feltámadt! Valóban feltámadt! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Traditionally this is how people greet each other in Romania in the week following Easter. A beautiful way to acknowledge the significance of Easter and the hope that came in to the world through the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus.

Kati recently took a family to the CE house where they were able have showers, haircuts, clean clothes and participate in the Romanian tradition of dyeing eggs in bright colours. Some of the 'Grannies' from a CE Project helped them. They enjoyed passing on the story of Easter and making a model of the empty tomb.

Unfortunately, we cannot show you the photos of the groups but the pure joy on the faces of the children and parents as they worked with the older generation, and the pleasure of the 'Grannies' said it all. A wonderful way also to build intergenerational links that are so important to wellbeing.

Building bonds, working together

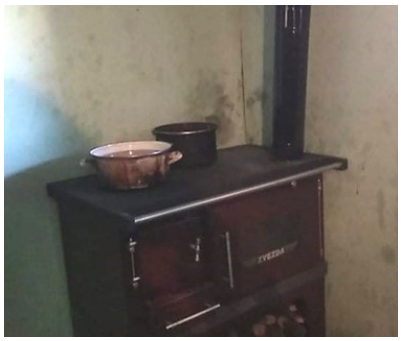
At Christmas time Kati organised something similar where she brought all the families and their children together for a Christmas celebration on the 21st December. The adults prepared samarle,

a Romanian speciality of stuffed cabbage rolls to take home so that each family had something special to eat for Christmas.

Families

One of our families with whom it has taken time to build a relationship of trust, have begun to take pride in their house and participate in activities. Even though they have no running water in the house, sleep 8 in one small room in two beds, the father has recently painted the dilapidated walls and hung decorations. Kati noticed that apart from being unhealthy the leaking wood stove was damaging the interior of the home. With support from a Dutch organisation HOE Kati was able to purchase a new wood stove for the family. She said "The father was so excited that he 'nearly jumped to the ceiling'."

Old Stove



New Stove

It is such a blessing to see that through social work support, prayer, building relationships based on respect, there is motivation to change.

Ukraine/Russia conflict

This terrible conflict is also a big worry for the surrounding countries of which Romania is one. Young men in Romania between 20 and 35 years could be called up to the army. Potassium Iodide tablets are being distributed by the government in case of radiation from a nuclear incident. People are afraid.

One of our friends has opened her apartment to take in refugee families. These mothers with children are staying only a few nights as they move on further into Western Europe to get as far away from the conflict as possible. Please remember them in your prayers.

Feedback from families

Mothers

"Without your help I wouldn't see my boys. I can do everything now (to get home the boys from a state home) because you are so kind with me"

Children

"Finally, I had a shower"
"I could play with the other children"
"I got some new shoes"

Grannies (from CE Granny Project)

"It was a pleasure that I could come and help these mothers"
"Seeing the children's joy and smiles bring joy to my heart"

Families Helping Families

One of our mothers recently said "As you (HANNAH) helped me, I wish my sister would be helped." Through these requests Kati has already visited two other families. On one occasion, Kati was visiting a 'HANNAH' family, living on the disused rubbish dump, to bring some items in preparation for the expected arrival of the new baby. Our mother asked Kati to take the items to her neighbour who already had a new born, and a 3 year old with multiple special needs. This mother said "she needs these things more than I do at this moment." What a beautiful illustration of love and caring that someone in need themselves responds to the needs of others.

Thank you for your support, prayers and financial giving. Without you, we would not be able to help these children and their families.

HANNAH is preparing to grow in response to the requests from families to help others. Our aim is that by supporting them to help others we can ultimately strengthen communities. If you would like to know more about HANNAH, have a skill or talent you would like to offer, wish to pray or contribute financially please contact us on the details below. We would love to hear from you.

Have a blessed Easter.
Alice on behalf of the HANNAH Team.

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