



# Pelunca

## ON THE FIELD

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## Hello Hello

Some time has passed already, so time for newsletter number 36 lol. In the previous newsletter the penultimate item was about my appointment with the doctor. Well, in the meantime I am the proud owner of two artificial hips. A mix of titanium and carbon, which promises to be just fine.

On May 6, I went under the knife. Originally the doctor had said that I would have to stay in Belgium for at least six weeks before I could return home. After a week Jessica and the children left for Romania, in tears, not knowing how long they would have to do without me. Finally, after only a week and a half I was allowed to go for a check-up with the doctor, and he was amazed at how well I was doing. On May 20, barely two weeks after surgery, I arrived home. The children were so happy to have Dad back home.

Now I have to continue revalidation at home, for another three months or so I can't do anything except move around in time. But once this period is over, I should be able to do everything again, with caution of course. Perfect for Nimsi and Marco's wedding in August.



## And speaking of getting married...

Two days before surgery, we were able to enjoy the very beautiful wedding of Bavo and Salina. Well, now it's uncle Bavo actually. It was a beautiful day for a beautiful couple. The happiness on uncle Bavo's face when he entered the ballroom showing off his brand new beautiful bride was golden.



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## Center Inima Lui, where are we?

While we were all still in Belgium, Marius was doing brisk work on the center. The superstructure was fully insulated and occupied, also the inside was repaired and prepared for finishing. All materials were bought for the entrance hall and preparations for it were made. Again it was so beautiful to see how the Lord is pulling the strings.

We met someone from a Romanian company dealing in insulation materials and paint of German manufacture. This was a Christian firm that gives extra discounts to charities. We got talking and the man immediately suggested that we make an offer for all the materials we needed to move forward. I agreed, thinking in the back of my mind "we don't have any money now anyway, but at least we will know exactly how much it will cost us. A few days later I received a message with the quote and just at that moment we received another donation, just enough for those materials. So they were ordered right away. A few days after that, our contractor came in, amazed at all the material that was delivered (because he knew the pennies were up). Surprised, he asked if this meant that he too could get back to work. We explained to him what had happened and said we were going to continue praying for more money. We needed as much as 7000€ for all the work hours and materials for the entrance and exterior finishing. Too bad, but we were stuck again for a while. But certainly not for long! Barely two days later we received word that someone from England had transferred exactly 7000€ for the next works. Wonderful right!?

Now we are again flat broke, we need another 10000€ to get everything finished, so we are looking forward to how the Lord will handle it. We are so looking forward to opening the center again.



## And more paperwork for files from fire department

Once again we found that even more files need to be prepared. All invoices must be bundled and a quality report must be made of every bit of building material that was used. For this we need as many as three qualified people to help prepare this and to submit it to the authorities. Again a cost of no less than 2600€ to pay these persons.

Fortunately, two nice big donations unexpectedly came in again bringing us to this amount. The first inspections are already being carried out. Jessica has also started collecting the necessary documents from various families. In the coming period she will have to meet regularly with the social worker of the center to finalize all the files.



## Belgian Mission Team

Shortly before we left for Belgium, we had another fantastic week with BMT (Belgian Mission Team). A whole week full of outreach and children's work. It was really great! Except for a few people, it was again a completely new group, but what a group. We thoroughly enjoyed one each individually, but certainly also as a group. One in heart, with only one goal, to extend His love to the oppressed. Numerous touches, numerous beautiful moments, growth, prayer, encouragement, friendship/brotherhood, fun, deep impressions and all led by our loving Father. We are already looking forward to the next BMT group!





## Grandmas in action

As I write this newsletter Jessica is full steam ahead getting things in order. Also at home and all around, I may be home but still she is on her own for everything lol. All, 'tis to say, this week not quite yet.

The two grandmas accompanied me home, and immediately it was full on grandma style. Cleaning the windows, dusting, hanging out the laundry, doing the dishes, ... the grannies let off steam. :) But we are so grateful



## Foundation 'In de Vrijheid' contribute again

Three men of 'Stichting In de Vrijheid' went together with Samuel every day to Geoagiu to pour concrete floors in houses where there is no concrete yet, or in places where a small room can be built. A nice push for many and probably quite an experience for the three Dutch friends. We are also grateful that Annelies provided their meals. This way Jessica could focus on the paperwork for the center that is still ongoing and put everything around the house back in order. During our visit to Belgium, the grass grew big time. An even bigger diversity of chores on Jessica's plate right now.



## Looking forward to the full summer months

For some time now we have been busy preparing for the various camps. Among others, the camp in Varmaga. Online meetings with Garry from Carpathian Aid. It promises to be another blissful time with the children and youth of Vaidei and Romos. Also the team coming from Scotland is a huge blessing in this. These people have been funding this annual camp since last year. Several of them are already fully engaged in all kinds of fundraisers. One is climbing mountains, another is driving from one end of Scotland to the other, events are being set up, ... The Scots know how to do it! An enormous blessing for us and the children/youth, but undoubtedly also for themselves. We are very much looking forward to it!

We will also have the youth of Love In Action visiting us. These youth from Belgium are coming here for a week of camp with us. We met them at the end of April when we were there to bring our testimony. We had a very pleasant time and they seemed to be very pleasant young people. This will also be a very special week.

There are plenty of camps and work, so we won't get bored. Although boredom is on the cards for me in the coming months. It's pretty hard to see so much work and not be allowed to do anything. On the contrary, I'm more likely to get in the way. But it's a period I have to respect lol. More time with the Lord and deepening in His Word, so definitely not wrong!

Many greetings, but many more blessings dear ones, and until next.

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

- Thankful that Tijs' hip surgery and rehabilitation went well; pray for continued good recovery.
- Pray for the final touches and finances needed for the center's reopening.
- Pray for smooth processing of the fire department dossiers with all necessary materials.
- Pray for wisdom in starting the children's files, so the most needy children are helped first.
- Pray that we can pay the social worker's salary each month and hire two more employees.
- Pray for new sponsors for Pe lunca and our family, as some regular sponsors have left.
- Pray for success in the home front team's new challenge and save August 24th for the event.
- Pray for the summer camps to be blessed and touch many hearts.
- Pray for good cooperation with Carpathian Aid and better relations with the leader in Varmaga.
- Pray for blessings on all volunteers, translators, participants, leaders, and visitors of the camps.
- Pray for the Roma community, that we can help them better despite less frequent visits.
- Pray that our youth become hungry for truth and remain open to breakthroughs in their lives.
- Pray for wisdom in ongoing projects and situations with people and volunteers.
- Pray that we always stay in His will and continue to do God's work.
- Pray that our family can have quality time and that our children's love for Jesus grows.
- Pray that our faith remains strong and that the Lord feels loved and worshiped in our daily lives.

## 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)

## THANKS

- Grateful for the building team "Foundation in Freedom," these people put so much hard work into past weeks. Their efforts were a sign of much love for the Roma and a start to a beautiful, new start.
- Grateful for Amen Trust in England who have already done so much for Pe lunca, mainly their contributions to the center. But so are many more who of course have contributed to make the works on the center possible.
- And of course we are also grateful for the many people and churches who support both Pe lunca and our family. Without your contributions we would not be able to do what we are doing here now. May God continue to bless you.
- We are grateful for all the support, love, prayers, ... that we were able to receive last period. We felt so loved by so many. Thank you so much for your folded hands, we feel extremely privileged to have such a praying constituency. God's richest blessing to you all!!!

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