



# Pelunca

## ON THE FIELD

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### To all a good day!

Once again time for a newsletter. It's always hard to get going, always so much going on, so where to start huh. But I think the reopening of the center "Inima Lui" (His heart) is a good choice.

### A race against time

So the whole month of September we were still busy decorating and trying to get final papers in order. Because by mid-October we had to open or we would lose our temporary license and have to wait until January/February to restart the whole process. The closer we got to October the more it looked like we weren't going to make it. In moments, our spirits sank so low that we would rather throw in the towel. But we pulled each other through and carried on anyway. It was October and we still didn't have approval from the fire department, the DSP (health service), and so AJPIS (final inspection) was definitely going to put a big red stamp on our foreheads 'DISAPPROVED'.

As far as the fire department was concerned, there was still so much to be done that there was no beginning. Another 10.000€ had to be invested in the upper floor, plus the architect's fire safety plans apparently could not be completed.

Still, hoping for a blessing (literally), we ventured to go to DSP. It was a Friday. We sat there for over an hour and a half, at least 50 minutes of which we witnessed about our Lord. The people in the office were all ears and totally impressed. They promised to help us where they could and told us what things needed to be taken care of by next Monday. The plan still had to be adjusted, two rooms had to be changed places, another sink was needed in a room where there was no washing, hot water.... So we went home to jump right in. Friday, Saturday and then Sunday, after church, we have put everything on everything and got it all done. So Monday again to DSP where we got approval. Approval from the DSP meant that the already enrolled children had to come, because for AJPIS we had to be able to prove that we could effectively work with the children, lesson preparations had to be in place, attendance register, etc.... Fortunately, my dear little wife had been working hard on this for the past few weeks



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## The big moment

As we were driving home from DSP, Cristina called us. She was at the center cleaning. She told us to come urgently, because there were two very strict ladies present and eagerly waiting for us.

IT WAS AJPIS! We were still a good 10 minutes from the center and the official program started in exactly 10 minutes! We almost fainted from stress, luckily there was no time for that. Jessica had fortunately called Simona half an hour before and told her to come to the center to work, as well as called Ovidiu to make sure to send the children to us. Head on time we arrived at the center and shook hands with indeed two very stern ladies.

The interrogation and investigation began. For hours on end, Jessica in particular was put under heavy pressure and all the files were studied letter by letter very thoroughly. And this was only day 1, the Tuesday they came back for round two. All we could do now was pray, let go and hope for a miracle.

Round two was upon us. Just checking some final papers and then it was the operation in itself that they wanted to study, as well as the children were questioned. After two over the top stressful days, the two ladies smiled, shook our hands again and wished us a big congratulations! We could not believe it! Apparently everything from the fire department was not yet necessary because the building was still registered as "under construction. And everything else was fine. A year of drowning in paperwork paid off. Although it did not look like it was going to work out, the Lord was with us and showed us in the very last days how much He was in control. We did our best and He again did the rest.

Even the entrance wasn't ready yet. We still had no coat racks for the coats, no racks for their shoes. It had rained on Sunday, but luckily Monday was another sunny day. And by the time the children arrived, the ground outside was dry again. Had it rained on Monday, or even had there been a little less sun, they would all have come in with dirty muddy feet. That was going to have been quite a sight. But God had it ALL under control!



## Pe lunca Salary Support

So now we have been open again for two months and both we and the children are enjoying the daily programs. Homework help, tutoring, English lessons, Bible stories, craft activities... Praise the Lord!

We are also seeing the budget for salaries increase little by little. We already have 650€ of fixed sponsorship for salaries. We do need 2500€ monthly, to pay for three full-time jobs, so we still know what to pray for



Social worker Anuta



Teacher Simona



Teacher Ovidiu

## Pe lunca Family Files, new roof for Cristina's home

Also in the month of September we had Hannes and Lynn over again together with a small team. Not only with golden hearts, but also with their golden hands they managed to renew Cristina's entire roof. What a blessing for her, finally no more rain inside. She was so impressed even with their love, with God's love, that she has since joined our weekly quiet time and decided to get baptized one day.



## Youth ministry

Things are also moving in the right direction with the youth ministry. Every two weeks we take some of them to the youth of our church and on Sundays they come with us to the service.

Garry (Carpathian Aid Scotland) also came down for a week to experience Pe lunca up close and to spend extra time with the youth. He too continues to do monthly online Bible studies. So blissful to see some of them really deeply touched and growing toward God.



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I myself (Tijs) am also thoroughly enjoying finally being able to do some physical labor again. I am truly so grateful for this and realize that too often we so easily take our health and mobility for granted. I relive being able to do some outdoor work in the sun-drenched, cold fall days. Although I still have to be very careful because I have had a few serious mishaps and I knew it. But still, just grateful for all the developments.

So, going to leave it at that. There is still a lot of prep work towards the Christmas season. Christmas cards, checking addresses, preparing the kids for Amen-Trust, Christmas service,... So we are going to shift focus and quietly get into the Christmas spirit.

That being said... Ho Ho Ho there Santa, off you go, it's all about Jesus!

Happy holidays dear people, enjoy them and each other. Give Him all honor and glory, for He came to the world for you!

Praise GOD!!!

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## PRAYER

- For the enrolled children, that they may catch up quickly and for their behavior. That the children may taste Christ is us, that above all their souls will be saved.
- For Simona, Ovidiu and Sandra, who are co-working with the children. For patience and love, and that everything may be done from the Lord and for the Lord.
- Finances to keep paying the salaries. For the time being 650€ fixed sponsorship, but up to 2500€ is needed for three full time jobs.
- For finances to finish the upper floor and requirements for the fire department at the center.
- For the youth we are working with, that more and more will be added and we can get more helping hands for the work with them.
- That we make ends meet with all the extra work that the upcoming Christmas season brings.
- We are getting multiple suggestions from people/church towards something extra for Christmas. Pray for wisdom that we only do the things God has in mind, because we just have to much going on.
- Pray that we will find rest in time as a family.
- Pray also for our ministry in the church, that there too His will be done.
- Pray that we never fall short of faith so that He always receives all the praise, honor and glory due to Him alone.

## SPONSORS



## 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

- So incredibly grateful for the center of course
- For the daily classes/programs
- For the children who come
- For the parents who come
- For Simona, Ovidiu, Sandra, Dinah, and Jessica who are working daily in the center.
- For Cristina her help with the cleaning in the center and for sorting all the help reliefs.
- For my beautiful wife that is guiding everything in the right direction.
- For the huge improvement in my hips, that I can do physical work again (in all caution).
- For the help offered for Christmas
- For the arrival of Amen-Trust
- For Garry and Carpathian Aid
- For the youth we work with.
- For our family and health.
- But most of all for our oh so faithful and loving Father!!!

