



Allie Makker



Making new friends

### Buna Ziua from Romania!

As you can imagine there is much to do and it seems like so little time to do it, but we have made good inroads into catching up with what is happening here in Targu Mures Romania and making new plans for the future.

But firstly let me introduce Allie Makker, a NZ volunteer who through an amazing series of events is with us here in Romania.

"I am a qualified social worker and I have been working in a Care and Protection role with Open Home Foundation (Rotorua and Christchurch) for the last two years. I'm originally from Morrinsville, which is a small country town in the North Island! I've always dreamed that one day I would be able to use my social work skills and knowledge to serve overseas and I feel deeply humbled and honoured to be given the opportunity to join Kati, Alice, Ken and other volunteers at HANNAH, Targu Mures".

Check out more of her story on [www.hopeandnurture.org/blog/allison-makker](http://www.hopeandnurture.org/blog/allison-makker)

### An invitation to lunch at 3.00pm!

It was a joy to see 'Sandra' at her new home and to share lunch with her new 'family'. Lunch is typically when the children return home from school at 3.00pm. I don't know how they last that long! The children start school at 8.00am so finish a bit earlier than schools in NZ. Sandra looked very happy and at ease with the other young people in the home. It is a real blessing to see how happy she is.



Dorcas House with Maria the Director and a carer

# Grace Notes

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HANNAH works in Romania to bring Hope and Nurture to children and families who struggle to care for their own. The work currently centres around children living in institutional care while building links with their families and communities.

**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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## What else have we been up to?



Training Group

### Training

The training sessions we ran on the effects of Trauma on Children's Development was well received. It was a privilege to be able to share with a group of carers and social workers from two children's homes about how to create relationship through which children and young people can heal with. This was new thinking for many but they were brave enough to pick up the challenge. There was much sharing of ideas as well as fun.

### Visit to Gornesti

Teleki Castle was where Ken and I first met the children from the TB Preventorium in 2007. It was taken over under the communist regime and no one was allowed into the Centre to visit the children until communism fell in 1989.

In 2011 it was returned to the Teleki family. Mrs Teleki showed us around the castle. It is a beautiful



Teleki Castle

castle but needs much restoration after years of neglect. The children are now in a hospital building in the city.

### Some Reunions



Larisa

Larisa was part of the first group of children we met when we worked at the TB Hospital in 2006. She is now married with two delightful children. She explained how at the TB hospital 'she waited every day for us to come, but then we left and didn't

come anymore. She was very upset.' Our reunions whenever we visit Romania are full of hugs and tears of joy. Maintaining relationships are so important.



Gabi and his Mum



Ken's clay class



Romania Birthday Celebration

## HANNAH 8th Birthday Celebrations - There & Here!

Romania – 10 October 2018.

New Zealand – Sunday 18 November 12.30pm.

Shared lunch. 431 Central Rd Lower Moutere, Nelson.

Thank you all for your prayers and support.

### Prayer Points:

- Thanks for the agreement of cooperation between the TB Centre and the HANNAH programme.
- Thanks for all the new people we met and connections that were strengthened during our visit to Romania. May they bear much fruit.
- Prayer for a team of committed volunteers and

the right person to lead the programme at the TB Centre.

- Prayer for our NZ volunteer, Allie. That she will be blessed as she stays on to serve the Lord in Romania.

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