



“He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.’

Isaiah 40:11

Blessings

As we stood with Kati and Zsolt, believing God for the blessing of their own family, we also had a deep assurance of faith that He would provide for the staffing needs of HANNAH. What a joy it has been to wait expectantly and then see the fulfilment of God’s blessings in so many ways!

- Kati went on maternity leave early February, excitedly awaiting the arrival of their twins, due end of March. A big thank you to Kati for everything she has done, especially in establishing the work of HANNAH firmly at the TB Prevention Centre.
- Mid-January we had the great pleasure of welcoming Ilona Szabó to the HANNAH Romania team.

Szabó Ilona

LEAP Project Coordinator/Teacher
(Undergraduate)

Ilona is a young woman, who is just finishing her university studies and is looking forward to graduating midyear. During her university years she was able to work with children with special needs including volunteering in Târgu Mureş for associations, such as Alpha Transilvania, Hifa Romania and Young Caritas. Ilona: *“I met God at a very young age. My childhood was not always easy but through it all I learnt that God always guides the right people in your life in order to help us with the day by day challenges. I believe that now I can be the right person who can be there for these children. Showing them the unconditional love of God.”*



Grace Notes

March 2019

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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Art Session

Here are some wonderful photos of children enjoying an afternoon of art led by Liddy visiting from Germany. Liddy is experienced in creating an environment for painting following the practise of Arno Stern, a programme initially developed for war orphans in 1946 but now has a much wider application. The process has certain disciplines



LEAP – Life skills, Education, Art Programme

Ilona has made a confident start in working with the children. Here are two recent reports:

'I was planning a math activity for this day. For the older ones I brought some worksheets with math problems so I could focus on the younger ones. First every child practiced to write number one in flour. Then I gave them paper and they started to practice how to write number one on paper. It was really hard. I realised that I have to focus on using their hands more often in different activities. This would improve the soft movements of their hands.'

'I know that if I want to start teaching the children to read and write I have to develop their attention and also the sense of rhythm. I brought them some instruments and I planned a musical activity. First we did some voice warming exercises. They laughed when I sang Ma-me mi-mo Ma-me mi-mo ma. But then they joined and sang with me. When I saw that they are ready, I gave them instruments. We were saying the rhyme and using the instruments to give the rhythm. The first round was pretty good. They changed the instruments so that everyone could use every instrument'



providing a structure from which the children work. One of the basics of the programme is that the art work is not created for anyone else or open for anyone's interpretation. **It just 'is'**. This gives the children the opportunity to express themselves without any criticism and develops their sense of individuality, something often missing while they spend time in an institution. We hope that Liddy might be able to visit again, or that someone from HANNAH might have the opportunity to visit Liddy's studio in Germany, so that we can build on this experience for the children.

Would you like to help these children?

If you would like to support this project please find the contact details at the bottom of the newsletter or on our website.

Many Blessings,
Alice Winter



Prayer Points:

- We pray for the safe and timely birth of the twins.
- We give thanks for Ilona. We pray for protection, wisdom and strength for her.
- We pray that the children and staff will know the peace and love of Jesus.

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