



HANNAH-Romania Alice Winter / Ilona Szabó

In our previous newsletter we described an art/painting session held for the children based on a therapeutic model for children who have been through trauma. As well as this, Ilona was recently part of a music therapy workshop based on drumming where she could see the potential for the children we work with in institutional care. Ilona's passion is music and this therapy is accessible in Romania, so we are planning a programme for the children. Let us introduce Acacia:

"My name is Acacia Mpofo Kitata, I am originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo, I have been a resident in Romania for a long time. I am married to a Romanian / Hungarian citizen, and we have two children."

Acacia currently presents therapeutic drumming for institutions in Romania such as a rehabilitation centre for people and their families who are struggling with alcohol, drug, gambling, and sexual addictions, a day-care centre for persons with disabilities that aims to develop practical skills (creativity, learning, speaking, manual, psycho-sensorial, logical, social and everyday skills).

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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Drum Therapy Session

Acacia is currently working in his Master of Arts Therapy with Codarts University of the Arts Rotterdam.

Feedback from Ilona after the first session:

"It was a pleasure for them to play and they became so happy. Then we started doing more complicated rhythms, but they were not that complicated, so that the children could still have the feeling of success. The children were constantly encouraged by Acacia. We also had a dancing moment as well, sometimes I could notice how disorientated the children were when they moved. At the end of the therapy I could see a progress in the children's attitude. They became more confident, and calm. They were already asking me when the next session will be. I worship the Lord for being with us and making this possible. I pray that He blesses everyone who contributed and that He blesses Acacia for the wonderful work that he has done. Praised be the Lord for His greatness!"

Other happenings from the Life Skills Education Arts Programme (LEAP)

Ilona:

"I brought a bag full of objects, from the nature like; wood, leaves, snail shells etc. They first gathered other objects that they could find, then they had to build something out of them. Each child got lost in

the work. Even if for a shorter period of time, everyone got involved in the work."

"I prepared books to read the story from and then complete the exercises related to the story. Pretty much everyone was working. A lot of the time if they had any problem, they asked for my help. Some wanted only attention; they wanted me close while they were working."

"A while ago we ordered some Student Bibles. I asked the older children to read aloud Noah's Ark. Each of them read half a page. When they finished the Biblical story they made arks. It was hard for some of them. At the end everyone had an ark, so we tested if they will sink or they will stay on the water. I filled a bowl with water, and we placed each ark in it."

Kati & Zolt

Praise God for the safe arrival in May of twins, Rebeka and Samuel. Kati and Zsolt thank you for your love and prayers.



Creativity and concentration



Reading for understanding



Testing theories, Developing dexterity



Samual, Zsolt, Kati & Rebeka

Many Blessings - Alice Winter & Ilona Szabó

Plans:

- Develop a therapy programme based on drumming.
- Recruit two or three 'volunteers' who will commit themselves to regularly work and support Ilona in running LEAP. Ilona puts a lot of passion and

expertise into the programme. Her efforts would be enhanced by dependable support. As the volunteers are usually students with no income, we are considering at least meeting the costs of travel and other expenses in giving their time.

Funding needs:

- Drum Therapy programme
- Expenses and reimbursement for volunteers
- Day to day costs including Ilona's salary

- for the success of the drum therapy. That children will be given hope and healing through this process.
- Thank you for your support and prayers.

Prayer Points:

- for 'volunteers' to support Ilona.

"Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me"
- Psalm 27-:10

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