



Clay Work

# Grace Notes

November 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.

## Recent Romania visit

We had a very fruitful time in Romania in September / October. Even though it was a relatively short, intense time we accomplished everything we felt God wanted us to do with extra blessings on the way.

Attending the baptism of Kati and Zsolt's babies Sámuel and Rebeka was a special time and it was a privilege to be part of the wider family and friends who gathered to celebrate in style well into the evening. A very joyful occasion of celebration.

We met Ilona for the first time and were impressed with her love for the children, the time she puts into preparing a quality programme for the children and her strong faith in God. She is a treasure.

It was an unexpected pleasure to be able to meet Acacia Mpofo, who was in town and also staying at CE House. Ilona was able to organise a drum therapy session for the children at the institution while we were all there. For some of the children the drumming came easily and they were quickly relaxed and responsive. For others, it was difficult to maintain even a simple rhythm but their perseverance was impressive and the joy on their faces when they finally succeeded was a beautiful moment. The staff knew that they were also welcome to join in and slipped in when they could. It was great to see the children and staff enjoying this time together, side by side.

We would like to thank all those who: prayed for us, supported us financially so that Ken and I could go together. We are grateful for our partnership with CE Union; for our friends and contacts within the Health Department in the town, who are supportive and encouraging of our work; and for the volunteers who give so freely of their time. HANNAH is truly blessed and through Jesus is able to be a blessing and bring a hope for the future for others.

## Clay work

Ken held a clay session with the children outside in the warm early autumn sun. The children were just beginning to return from a time at home and were therefore somewhat unsettled so working with clay was a good medium for expressing their frustrations and anxieties.

HOPE AND NURTURE  
**HANNAH**  
NURTURE AND HOPE



### The Team

Alice and Ken with Ilona (teacher) and Kati (social worker) on maternity leave. Kati wants to keep contact with some of the families that the children come from and will visit them from time to time as she is able.



### Introducing volunteer Miklos Noémi

"I am studying Pedagogy (teaching) of Elementary School and Kindergarten.

My grandfather taught my father the importance of God in people's lives and took him to the church every Sunday, this way my father passed this faith to me and my brother.

I am a family-oriented person, I think mostly it is because we live in a smaller apartment and we are together almost all the time".

Read more about Noémi on the HANNAH website blog page. <https://hopeandnurture.org/>

### Focus for Prayer

Every time Ken and I visit Romania we travel to an outlying town to visit a girl (we will call her Lisa) who we met 12 years ago at the TB hospital. This hospital was where we first started our work in this region, running a play programme for children who were at the hospital recovering from TB and other lung diseases. Lisa retold the story of being in the hospital and how much she would eagerly wait every day for us to come, and how upset she was when we had to leave to return to NZ.



She was brought up in very poor conditions and is now married with two children, living in a small dwelling down an alleyway that her husband 'renovated'.

Her big dream is for a house with space where the children can safely play. She is an amazing young woman and has managed to buy an uncompleted house.

She has asked us to pray for her husband and herself to find work so they can finish the house.



### HANNAH Celebration

Every year we remember and celebrate what God is doing through HANNAH. This year we are marking 9 years. Come and join us for a shared lunch if you can at 1.00pm Sunday 17 November, 431 Central Rd, Lower Moutere, Motueka.

### For more information contact:

Alice and Ken Winter  
Phone: 64 (0)21 029 61 545  
Email: [alice.w@hopeandnurture.org](mailto:alice.w@hopeandnurture.org)  
[www.hopeandnurture.org](http://www.hopeandnurture.org)

### Donations can be made to:

OHFI ANZ Wellington  
01 0505 0602787 83  
Ref: HANNAH Romania