



Grace Notes

September 2020

"See, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."

- Isaiah 43: v19

We have all been through challenging times recently and HANNAH has been no exception.

After the children moved to a smaller facility in February, the institution was closed indefinitely in March due to Covid-19.

However, as one door closed, another one immediately opened for us. Ilona maintained phone contact with the families of these children during Romania's lock-down and afterwards regularly visited them to see how they were getting on and what help we could offer them.

From challenges come new opportunities

It has always been the intention of HANNAH to have access to the families of the children, to offer to work alongside them to help them to be able to care for their children. God has now given us this opportunity, which we are grateful for and pray that we will be a real blessing to the children and their families and together make a big difference in their lives for a more positive future.

Some Recent Updates

Family G. - Ilona has recently been able to locate these children's education records so that they can be enrolled at their local school. Mum is keen to keep all her children home even if the institution were to open again. (Pictured above - *Published with permission*)

Family G. - Ilona is supporting a mum who was brought up in an institution herself and finds it difficult to make decisions about her own and her children's welfare.

Family H. - Creating opportunities to teach these children cooking and other life skills so that they can support their mother in caring for the family as well as equipping them for the future.

Rupi - Rupi's mother Katalin passed away in March. This was very sad news for us but we are glad that through your prayers and financial giving we have been able to bless her and Rupi over the years. I believe

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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Rupi's Mum

that she got a lot of strength knowing that she was cared about and loved. Ilona visited the day she was taken to hospital and was able to give her some money to pay for some of her basic needs such as soap. God's timing for the unplanned visit was perfect.

Rupi's brother and sister-in-law have taken over the care of Rupi. We will stay in contact.

Keeping Connected

Kati and the twins have been staying at her parent's home in the rural countryside for the past few months. Recently Mn. joined her for a week to help out as part of the family. Mn. used to visit when she was at the institution and stay with Kati's family for Christmas and other breaks. She is now at Dorcas house but remains part of Kati's extended family. They were all able to visit 3 children formerly from the institution who are now in a Family Home together. What a blessing it is to keep the HANNAH connections going!

HANNAH 10 Year Celebration

Yay!... 10 years ago the decision was made to form HANNAH. Thank you to all those who have encouraged and supported us, prayed for us and the work we do, given your time, hearts and energy to it. You have blessed many!

We will be celebrating... In Nelson, NZ with a shared lunch on Sunday 1 November 12.30pm onwards at 431 Central Rd Lower Moutere. Please join us. You are welcome to bring a friend who might be interested in the work. RSVP if possible so we have an idea of numbers but please just come anyway if you can.

We will also be celebrating in Târgu Mureş Romania with a provided morning tea. Time and venue to be confirmed.

HANNAH Support

There are opportunities for you to support this work through:

Prayer - Please remember HANNAH in your prayers. It is only through God's grace that we can do this work of bringing hope to families. If you would like to be part of the HANNAH prayer team which takes on the responsibility to prayer regularly for the work of HANNAH, please let us know.

Finances- There will be more travel and costs involved in this project as well as ongoing salary costs. In February 2021 Kati will be re-joining HANNAH as social worker after 2 years on maternity leave. If you are able to give financially, even in these uncertain times, that would also be a wonderful blessing.

Details below and on the website 'Donate' page:

<https://hopeandnurture.org/donate/>



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