

**“Be Strong, let your heart be bold, all you who hope in Yahweh!”**

*- Psalm 31:24*

There is so much happening for everyone and so much change irrespective of where you are in the world today that our human nature can easily feel daunted and overwhelmed. However, God’s promise is to never leave us nor forsake us, and so whether you are going through hardship, or even unexpected blessing during this time, we know that our trust is secure in God. God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and is always with us. Therefore, we can be strong, be bold and continue to trust in God as we face the future.

### **Covid-19 Update**

- Over summer the number of infections and deaths in Romania has levelled out following the last spike in March. So far there have been over 1,000,000 reported cases, 34,000 deaths and 9,000,000 vaccinations.
- In Târgu Mureş the restrictions have eased and mask wearing is no longer mandatory.
- Temperatures over summer have been 30 to 37°C.
- Resistance in the communities we work in to be vaccinated.



### **Family Happenings**

M. has new glasses. Kati commented *"Finally she got her new glasses. Now she can go to help her mother in the work in the garden too. Until now she couldn't help because she didn't see the small plants, and she stepped on the plants."*

# 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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The optician explained to Kati that if we hadn't helped M. with obtaining glasses for her when we did a few years ago, then M. would have lost her sight by now. A sobering and encouraging comment on what seemed like a small effort on our part but has had an important impact.



### Family Day

In previous years Kati had organised a day out for the children from the Institution to a camp site in the mountains. Now that they are living in their communities, Kati had to do it differently so she organised a day at the previous TB Prevention Centre at Teleki castle in Gornesti.

The highlights of the Family Day were:

- for the children to reconnect with each other again and meet up with 2 of the carers that they were obviously fond of.
- for Kati to talk with the parents of the families. One of the fathers had tears in his eyes listening to one of the previous TBPC carers, about how fond she was of his stepson.
- Having the opportunity to explore the castle (revisit for some) and games for the children and eating pizza.



### De's Story

"In 2019 De. couldn't be sent back to the Institution, because she hasn't got the papers she needs. She used to be a good learner, but she has missed out a whole year of school, because she wasn't signed to the local school either. And with the covid-19 her siblings, Ma. and Co. were also sent home. Their mother isn't working, because for the

last years she's been either pregnant or she had to take care of her babies. The mother hasn't got any paper, no identity card or papers of any sort. De. hasn't got papers, because on paper she was on her father's responsibility, but they have no idea where her father is."

### An Answer to Prayer

The mother now has her ID card. This means that the mother can receive family support from the government and that the children can be enrolled in school.

### The Next Steps

De. is an intelligent and very capable girl who really wants to learn and study. However, as she has missed a year of school, she is behind in her work. To be accepted in her local school she has to pass a test to show that she is up to her age level, if she fails, she will likely be sent to a 'special school' for children with learning and behavioural difficulties. De. has taken on a lot of the responsibility of caring for the rest of the family. Her mother was brought up in the Prevention Centre herself as a child and lacks many housekeeping and parenting skills and is often found begging outside the supermarket with her youngest child.

### Further Prayer

For the opportunity for De. to attend a school where she can realise her academic potential. We are especially mindful of her as she navigates the difficult path before her, balancing the study that she so much wants to do and the expectation of the family to help care and cook.



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