



*Kati and Zsolt with the twins Rebeca and Samuel on their second birthday*

### Welcome back Kati!

"It is a real blessing to come back and work in the HANNAH field again. During the 2 years at home with the children I kept contact with Ilona, and I saw how God is leading the work, and bringing about the real goal what we dream for HANNAH. Children need to be near their parents, in their community. Now that I became a mother, I feel much stronger what it means to have my children nearby me, and how important is for the children to be next to

their parents. Now I come back and I work with families. For me is a new field, I learn about social work in families, but now is the first opportunity to put in practice what I learnt during the university, and in New Zealand. I feel the effect of every prayer, thank you for your support, I will need from now on too."

*- Blessings, Kati*

### What has been happening in the past few months?

Kati has now been back at work for 3 months and taken on the new work of HANNAH in the community with faith and energy. It is wonderful to have Kati back and to be able to build on the great work that Ilona did keeping in contact with the children when they first returned to their communities. Kati is continuing to work part time for HANNAH and part time for Christian Endeavour.



*Providing food to a family in this community*

Working alongside the families of the children who were returned to their families and communities when the institution was closed last year due covid-19, also

now includes the siblings of these children who had remained at home, and the people who care for the children. This work is intensive and focussed on the children's and their family's needs and building up networks within the community.

### What has this work entailed over the past few months?

- Building relationships of trust with the all families of the children.
- Organising alternative care for a child who is unable to be cared for at home at the present moment. Working with the mother and stepfather so they can have the children home in the future.
- Locating ID papers for children so they can attend school.
- Assisting families to obtain the necessary paper work to access health care, legal services, government services.

# 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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- Providing food, clothing, especially assisting when there is added pressure due to loss of paid work due to Covid-19.
- Providing for primary medical needs.
- Assessing needs with the parents and caregivers and making plans for a 'hoped for' future.
- Planning for a 'day out' for children and families including activities and parenting education.

### Family Health

One of the things that has particularly come to the fore while working with the families in the community is the importance of peoples health. Many caregivers of the families are struggling unnecessarily due to untreated illnesses. In recognition of this, looking at what we can do to ease this burden so that they can better care for their children, is becoming part of the programme.



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*'I took out my children out to the field, in the garden. They need to learn how to put some carrots, onion, potatoes...to have something to eat, because they eat a lot. I learnt from my mother, and I teach them. Cooking too. Good that they are home, at the institution they get everything in front of them, and didn't learn'*



Mothers Day

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*All mums need to be remembered. Kati took this Mum and her child out to CE House on Mother's Day.*



Shoes

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*Helping this community...not enough shoes for everyone in the household.*

### For Prayer:

- Continuing strength and encouragement for Kati as she develops this new work on her own with the support of weekly skype meetings with Alice (NZ), the community of CE... and your prayers and support.
- That we will walk closely with God and hear what He is saying to us so that we may truly be his hands and feet to those in their deepest need.
- A fulltime social worker/teacher to join the team, so that we can grow.
- Resources, financial and physical and spiritual.

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