

# Grace Notes

July 2022

HANNAH works in Romania to bring Hope and Nurture to children and families who struggle to care for their own.

The work focusses on strengthening families and building links within their communities by providing social work support and training.

**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.

HOPE AND NURTURE  
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NURTURE AND HOPE



## "HANNAH – Prima Mea Tabăra"

### "HANNAH's First Camp" 24-26 June 2022

There was great excitement for the children and families in the time leading up to the camp. "What happens at a camp?" "Where will I sleep?" "Will there be others from the institution who became like family to me?"

In the past 'camp' could only be a day event for children in the institution. Now that HANNAH is working directly with the families, it was really special to be able to make it an overnight event and include siblings and parents. In fact, one whole family participated- Mum, 7 children, step father and his son. A total of 15 children, two parents, three Grannies and 7 volunteers helped us, supporting each other for:

- Increased knowledge and experience of Jesus Christ in their lives.
- Growth of self-esteem and personal value.
- Strengthening of relationships within families and sense of community
- To be part of an multigenerational community (young-adults-elderly)
- To provide an opportunity to teach and reinforce life skills, e.g. hygiene, food preparation, household responsibilities, socialising and physical challenges.



Washing dishes



Brushing teeth



Intergenerational relationships



*Bucin Campsite*



*Friends*



*Flying Fox*



*Social Games*

The CE Union Bucin campsite is in a beautiful mountain valley on the edge of the Carpathians. The facilities are very good but simple, just like a real camp. The outside toilet is a 'long drop', face washing is done in the river, the water for the outside shower building is warmed during the day by the sun. The children washed the dishes, collected wood for the camp fire, cleaned their rooms and tidied up in the main room where they held the activities.

Kati wrote "We started our camp by washing the children, and offering them some clothes from second hand shops. They received towels and tooth brushes. These children could eat the whole day. Most of the children's feedback was about the food!"

**Here is some of the feedback:**

**Children:**

"I loved the food." *(this 6 year old boy never had the chance to eat three meals per day)*

"I enjoyed having a shower." *(They don't have water in their house)*

"I enjoyed to see all the other children from the TBC Centre."

"I enjoyed the camp fire and the singing all together, and eating the potatoes from the fire."

"We loved the prayers, that we pray all together to God to heal Maria's leg."

**Parents:**

"We loved to see our children, how they are playing with others, we loved to play and have fun together."

"We enjoyed the grannies and staff's company."

"Finally, we could rest a bit, far away from home."

**Grannies & Volunteers:**

"We loved all the children, each child."

"We loved to be together and see the children smile, and hear the children's voices."

"We were happy to serve God through these children."

**Kati:**

"I'm grateful to God that I could be His colleague in organising this whole event. He organised everything, and took care of every small detail."

Thank you to all the volunteers who freely gave their time, for those who prayed and those who gave, making this special time possible. As well as being a blessing, you may be blessed.

**HANNAH Strategic Plan 2022**

Earlier this year the HANNAH team spent time reviewing and refining our vision and mission, and developing a Strategic Plan that we are really proud of. Over the next few newsletters, we would like to bring to you some of the excerpts. Here is the first.

**Our Vision:**

For every child to know they are loved, valued, nurtured and have a hope and a future - *Jeremiah 29:11*

**Coming up:**

- Partnering For Safety training: Catherine Santoro, Trainer - Coach - Consultant in Child Protection, based in Australia but currently in Europe, is visiting Kati in Romania 18 – 20 July. Cath has graciously offered to run 2 workshops for HANNAH during that time and social workers from other agencies have been invited. We will tell you all about it in the next newsletter!

Thank you and God Bless,  
Alice and Kati on behalf of the HANNAH Team



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