

# Grace Notes

May 2023

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

**'Do not be afraid, for I am with you; stop being anxious and watchful for I am your God. I give you strength, I bring you help, I uphold you with my victorious right hand.'** - *Isaiah 41:10*



## **A Home Visit**

### **A family's Story**

Kati: "By visiting these families frequently I understand even more how through their eyes they see the future as without hope."

I took the father with me to buy some wood, because he told me that they started to burn some clothes just to be warm in the house, He shared with shame, that he was put in jail for 24 hours, because he went to fetch some wood from the forest and was caught. His axe was taken from him. It is not for me to judge whether what he did was right or wrong, but I can understand him.

These are the special moments when, HANNAH can come in and ask "What is the most important need right now?" He said: "Wood, food, and medicines." We found the resources to help with this, lifting them up from the depths of their situation all the while continuing to provide social work support and encouragement to bring hope for the future.

**Learn to do good, search for justice, help the oppressed, be just to the orphan, plead for the widow.'** - *Isaiah 1.17*

The father of this family lost his job as a garbage collector earlier in the year through circumstances beyond his control. Fortunately, this father now has his job back. We were pleased that we could organise extra support for this family during this very difficult time. Thank you to the individuals and organisations who helped with this.

## **Easter**

### **Celebrating Easter**

Kati brought some families together to CE House to share the significance of the Christian easter story, to dye eggs (Romanian tradition), eat together, wash up and tidy at the end. Connections between families were made, relationships strengthened and encouragement shared parent to parent.

One of these families is a new family from a very impoverished area. This time together opened up her eyes to dare to believe that life could be different, the beginnings of a hope for a better future.



*Dyeing the eggs*



## Upcoming Commitments

We have a couple of important commitments to fulfil this year.

**Training:** Care and Protection social work training in June, organised by HANNAH, opened up to other agencies and individuals who work with vulnerable people in the local community. We still need \$2000 to meet the costs for this.

**Trip to Romania:** September/October 2023  
By October 2023 it will be 4 years since Ken and Alice made a trip to support Kati and the work in Romania. Usually there would be a visit from NZ to visit Romania every 12 to 18 months but Covid 19 has affected everybody and HANNAH is no exception.

Since that visit there have been many big and exciting changes. The most notable change was the closing of the institution where our work was based when the facility was needed for covid patients. The practical focus of the work shifted from children living in institutional care to the integration of these children

into their families. This is intense work, supporting parents to care for the children they previously felt unable to do, and many of the children previously only knowing institutional life.

It is amazing what we have been able to achieve in establishing the new work through Skype and Zoom meetings but there is nothing like face to face discussions to strengthen the work.

This trip will cost approx \$9,000 in airfares etc., for two people. If you are able to help financially support either of these two events please use either of the donation options at the bottom of the newsletter. (Note tax refund receipts available through OHFI) or if you are in Europe:

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## Prayer

**Families:** For the HANNAH families that have so many issues to resolve in their lives.

- Pray for their protection, that they will never have more than they can handle.
- Pray for Kati as she works with them to help them identify and find solutions.
- Pray that they will come to know God as their saviour, ultimate protector and provider.

## Continuing the excerpts from our HANNAH Strategic Plan 2022 we bring you...

### Core Activity

HANNAH empowers and builds respectful relationships of trust with some of the most impoverished families and communities in Romania. We provide Christian based social work, education and life skills programmes, and share our skills and knowledge with like-minded organisations.

### HANNAH Core Values

- Integrity
- Long term relationships
- Financial accountability
- Teamwork
- Respect

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