

# Grace Notes

July 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.

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Social Work Training led by trainer Catherine Santoro

## Partnering For Safety

*Partnering for Safety* is an assessment and planning framework that is developed collaboratively with children, families and their networks.

In the lead up to the training in June it was wonderful to see God's hand constantly at work. In spite of what it looked like at times beforehand, on the day, we got the participant numbers and the funds we needed. Everything was as we had dared to believe it would be, and beyond. Attendees included social workers from NGO's, local communities (Mayor's offices), and state organisations. It was encouraging to hear people's heart for their work. Kati reported "All participants were there because they would like to make a difference in the lives of families and children. For all of them it is a calling, not just a job."

Two Directors from their respective organisations would like all their staff to be trained in this model. One of them said "I feel so good when I am at this training, I don't know why." She wants to see if she can include it in her training budget for 2024. We intend to discuss possibilities with her when we make the trip from NZ to Romania later this year.

Cath also spent a day one to one with Kati, focusing on her work with HANNAH families, discussing cases and going over tricky situations. It was a great encouragement and inspiration for Kati to spend time with someone with such expertise.

## Thank you to...

- Cath for sharing her skills and passion for the important work that we are involved in
- The sponsors from NZ who give generously
- Caritas for the use of their wonderful venue and for providing many of the resources
- CE for providing a translator and translating the material



The Training Group

- The CE 'Grannies' who were the loving hands that prepared the food for everyone
- Kati, for her enthusiasm to share this training HANNAH is privileged to have access to, and her hard work to organise this event.

*"Arise, shine out, for your light has come, the glory of Yahweh is rising on you...above you Yahweh now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness."*

*- Isaiah 60 v1-3*

Our prayer is that God will use HANNAH to inspire others and bring hope to the vulnerable children and families of Romania.

## Families



*Picking Dee up*



*Dee arriving at Lidia Home*

Good News! One of our HANNAH girls ('Dee') has been accepted into an NGO children's home from where she can attend school. She previously lived in an institution for long periods of time. Since returning home she has lived in difficult family circumstances and was unable to attend school. She is really keen to learn.

Thank you to Netherlands Organisation - 5 Loaves 2 Fish, who are sponsoring her accommodation.

None of this happened without hard work on Kati's part. She built up a relationship of trust with the family, persisting and believing in them to eventually make the right decision for their daughter. This is a big change for them because Dee was helping look after the younger siblings at home. We therefore also want to acknowledge Dee's mother and step father for signing the papers for the initial 3 month trial period (with a view to extending it).

Kati needs to locate Dee's education records before

she can be enrolled at a school. Please pray for this very important step.

## Continuing...HANNAH Strategic Plan excerpts Core Values and Beliefs

- HANNAH came about in response to a call from God to be the hands and feet of Jesus to children and families in Romania. The guiding principle of the HANNAH-HOPE AND NURTURE TRUST is that we as a Christian organisation under the Headship of Jesus Christ, acknowledge one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and represent Jesus and stand for His honour and glory. In Jesus Christ the love, mercy and grace of God are made known to us and all people.
- We believe families are God's design and children flourish best when they are surrounded by their family, and families thrive when they are supported by strong communities.
- We believe in taking the time to develop deep trusting relationships with children, families and communities that inspire hope and motivate change.
- We believe in sharing our knowledge and expertise freely with other organisations and welcome opportunities to train and mentor other professionals working in the same field.

## Travel

Alice and Ken will be making a trip to Europe to visit Kati and the work of HANNAH in Romania, meet with Partners to review the work and discuss plans for the future.

## Prayer

- For Dee that her education records will be located and that she will settle into the children's home and school. For her relationship with her family, that links will be maintained and strengthened. That Dee's dream of having an education will become reality and that she will recognise her value and potential
- Travel and preparations for visit to Romania
- Funding: we need more finances to support this growing work

**If you would like to support in this way, please use the information below or see the HANNAH website.**

*- Alice & Kati on behalf of the HANNAH Team*

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