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Dinah has been working as a volunteer with Tijs and Jessica (AMEN partners) who have a ministry to show God's love to the Roma People.

What a busy autumn it has been. It makes me feel tired just writing about it!



For the first time since Covid we have had our full program running. The homework club runs on a Tuesday and a Thursday after school. We have started giving them a lunch after they have done some work. This is cooked by the wonderful Alina who lives in the same village as Tijs and Jess. The menu so far has included soup, meatballs and bread and salami. It has all gone down very well. We have a core of children that really want to learn so it is very rewarding.

On Friday morning we have either a time with the mothers and babies or with the elderly women. The young mothers really enjoy a place to relax and have a coffee while the children play, and it is not only the children who like to get creative with the paint and glue. The mamas love to join in too! The elderly ladies enjoy craft as well. We have done knitting and decorated photo frames, but I think bingo is the firm favourite even if some get disappointed when they don't win anything. It has even been known for the odd man to sneak in!



In the afternoon it is the children's program with songs, bible story and craft. Bavo also runs a football program for the boys.



As well as all this we have given out winter coats, hats and scarves, children's clothes, and kitchen equipment. A charity from America also gave each child a pair of wellington boots.

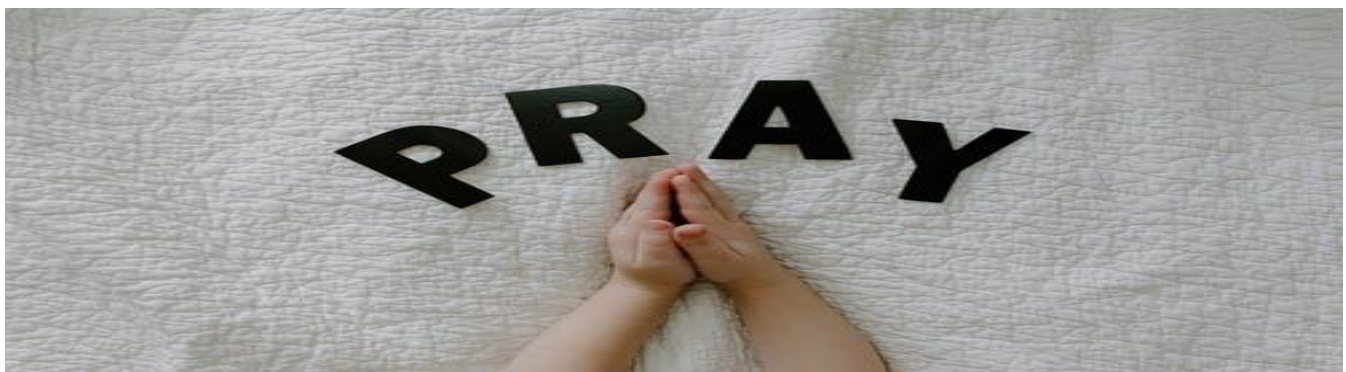
It has also been a time of lots of visitors. I had a great time with four friends from the UK who came to stay with me. We kept them very busy preparing programs. Tijs and Jess also had two sets of visitors. They were all a real encouragement to us.

The work with the disabled has been slow. Each time we plan a meeting illness or lack of transport gets in the way. However I have been able to support some of them at home.

Now winter and Christmas are well on the way. The team from AMEN Trust will arrive on 12th December to help hand out shoeboxes and the children are busy making Christmas cards, decorating the centre and learning carols.

The workmen are busy on the roof of the centre to make it weatherproof for the winter.

I am looking forward to spending Christmas in the UK with friends and family. I haven't done this for three years.



- For the children's program that over the Christmas period we would be able to reach out to the families with the Gospel.
- For good health for the Pe Lunca team. There has been a lot of illness lately. As I write this Jessica and her daughter Marie Lou are ill. Tijs is still in need of healing for his hips.
- For the visit of the team from AMEN Trust and distribution of shoeboxes.
- For myself as I travel back to the UK. For times of rest as well as meeting up with friends. My diary is already getting full!