

## DINAH MADGE



**Dinah has been working since August 2020 as a volunteer with Tijs and Jessica (AMEN partners) who have a ministry to show God's love to the Roma people.**

Hello again all,

I am having a few days to catch up so I thought I would bring you up to date with what is happening. I had a very busy but blessed month in the UK in July catching up with friends and family and collecting more aid. This meant a lot of driving and socialising, locally and further afield. One lot of aid came from Reading and I visited family in Oxford and Kent.



I came back here to Romania at the end of July. The day after getting back it was off to holiday camp up in the mountains with the kids. Some of them came from the village where Tijs and Jessica live and some from the Roma village, there were 35 kids in all.



We worked with a team from Scotland with a charity called Carpathian aid. There was also a team of Romanian helpers and translators. In the morning there was a time of worship followed by a teaching time based on the book of Daniel. We learned how he honoured God with his life and made the right choices. The children were divided into two age groups for this. In the afternoon the children were able to go on hikes, play forest games and water games and do craft activities. The day finished off with another time of worship and testimony.



A few days after the camp a van arrived with the aid and also an electric wheelchair for a lady who lives in a village just outside Orastie. It was a donation from Germany and a big surprise, her face was a picture when she saw it. Up until this time she needed to be pushed or carried if she wanted to go anywhere. The wheelchair gives her a newfound independence. She sent us a video of her taking her dog for a walk and wrote "a dream come true". Six of us spent an afternoon helping to get it set up. We now need to organise some ramps so that it is easier for her to get into the house.

At the start of September, we will be getting the supplies ready for the Roma children to take to school and putting them into bags for them. We hope this will encourage them to go. They often don't want to go because they are looked down upon by staff and the other children as they do not have the same advantages and social skills.

At the end of September, we are hoping to have a reunion with those who came to camp. We don't want to lose contact with them.



- The works to the centre are still on going and need much prayer, especially for the right social worker. This is needed for the accreditation of the centre to go ahead.
- Please also pray for the Roma children starting school in September
- For those that came to the camp that what they learned will bear fruit for God.
- Give thanks for the wheelchair for Claudia.
- Pray that God will give us the strength for what he has given us to do. He gave me this verse the other day.

"The Lord has chosen you to build a temple as his sanctuary. Be strong and do the work"  
I Chronicles 28 v 10