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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.

The few months leading up to Christmas were very busy for us at Pe Lunca.

Jessica has been at her computer for most of the last three months, completing the paperwork for the accreditation of our Roma centre in Geoagiu, Romania. She has also written all the policies and procedures. This is on top of the regular admin and bookkeeping.



The rest of us were also kept busy. We kept the weekly Bible club going in Romos and there have been monthly meetings with the older youth.

We also made and distributed clothes parcels and baby packets.

In December the Christmas shoeboxes arrived and we made some extra ones with donations.



December saw many Christmas celebrations:-

- The Youth from Romos and the youth from the church in Deva went bowling followed by pizza, games and a Christmas talk in the church.
- The younger children made nativity scenes, enjoyed hot chocolate and waffles, and were very excited to receive presents from people in the church.



- We also had an evening of carols in Geoagiu. At the end of the evening the children could choose soft toys to take home. It was so lovely to see their smiles.

- And of course we had our Christmas visit from AMEN Trust to help with the giving out of the shoe boxes. Always a blessed time for all.

The New Year brings new challenges. Under the regulations we now need to employ a teacher, a psychologist and a social worker to assist us in our work. The renovations need to be completed and the centre given a deep clean.

We know the Lord has it in hand as we see his mighty hand working in so many ways. I will finish with what Tijs wrote a few days ago:-

"Hey everyone. Time for an encouragement, Viorel (the builder) called me yesterday to tell me that the cost for the windows and doors for upstairs in the centre will be 2200 Euros. I told him we would pray about it and let him know as soon as the money comes in. Viorel knows this is how it works with us so he said Okay. Today Jessica checked the account of Pe Lunca and saw that someone made a donation that covers the whole sum! I called back Viorel and he will come and place everything in two weeks."



- Please give thanks for God's unfailing faithfulness.
- Praise the Lord we now have our accreditation and our license, and we are working to complete the renovations of the centre so that we can restart our programs with the children.
- Pray that we will find the right staff to help us at the centre are Christian and have a heart for the Roma people.
- Pray for the financial support to complete the building, employ new staff and set up the child sponsorship scheme to help us re-start our programs of work in the centre.