

## Pe Lunca Update - February 2024



For the last year the Pe Lunca team have been unable to use The 'Inima Lui' (His Heart) Community Centre in the village of Geoagiu. A program of work was needed to enable EU accreditation and an operating licence to be given.

Thanks to generous giving and lots of work the building is now at a stage where accreditation and a provisional licence have been obtained.

The centre is almost ready to re-start its program of work. It is a centre for the local community - sharing God's love with those in need, providing education, training, health care, medical advice, children's clubs, food and clothing, social events for the elderly - and much more.



Lots of work has been completed on the building including creating a 1<sup>st</sup> floor. The following news has just been received from Tijs and Jessica:

"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 2,200 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."

What is needed now is around  $25,000 \in (\pm 21,500)$  to finish downstairs (heating and repairs to the walls, ceiling, floors). Further work on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor will stay on hold and does not need to be finished to open up the centre.



The accreditation requirements have changed - the initial ask was to find and employ a social worker. In addition to a social worker, two teachers also now need to be employed. This is an additional expense that had not been expected. Monthly salaries will total 3.000€ (£2,500).

The temporary license is valid for one year by which time all requirements must be completed. This includes having two teachers employed.

The main goal now is to finish the renovations ASAP, so the team can restart working inside the centre.

Have a look at this <u>1 minute video update</u>.



- Please give thanks for God's unfailing faithfulness.
- Praise the Lord the accreditation and license to operate have been received
- Finances to complete the renovations of the centre to restart programs and for ongoing support to employ new staff
- That God will provide the right social worker and teachers with a heart to help the Roma people
- The Pe Lunca Team (Tijs, Jessica, Dinah, Samuel, Annelies) for strength and guidance

## How to give

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