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**Dinah is working as volunteer with Tijs and Jessica in Pe Lunca (AMEN partners) who have a ministry showing God's love to the Roma people.**



Greetings from Romania!



The run up to Christmas was very busy here. The shoeboxes from AMEN Trust and from Belgium were delivered and sorted. Many of the villagers helped us unload them from the big truck, amid much excitement. Even some of the children joined in.



We had our Christmas visit from AMEN Trust. It was a great day. There was pizza for everyone, and then the visitors played some games and made some decorations with the children. There was also a story with puppets. The children had prepared a nativity play and some Christmas carols. Then what the children had been waiting for. They each received a shoebox present. The day ended with us all going out for a meal. A few days later the rest of the village came to the centre to receive their shoe boxes. it was a very cold day, but there were lots of happy faces. Boxes also went to nearby villages in Romos and Orastie.

I flew back to the UK, but the fun was not over for the children. They all piled into the two minibuses and went to a pantomime. While all this was going on there were still everyday things going on in the village. A house had new windows and new doors. Very welcome in the cold weather. Prescriptions were organised and clothes and food given out.



I spent Christmas with my family in Oxford. It was a blessing to spend time with them. I had longer there than usual as I had a couple of routine hospital appointments, and it was my Uncle's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations, Uncle Mike! It was fantastic to catch up with lots of family at the party.



The centre opened again in the second week of January. The children were very happy to be back. A new group of children will be joining us soon. The land outside the centre has now been cleared and as I write this the central heating should be connected. The jobs never stop. There is always something to do!

On 14<sup>th</sup> February Tijs and Jessica who run Pe Lunca, and their family will be coming to the UK for a visit. There will be a tea party on 15<sup>th</sup> February at Stratford upon Avon Baptist Church. If you are near to Stratford, please do come to meet them and hear about the work they do.



- Please give thanks for the work and support of AMEN Trust and our many other supporters.
- Pray for the new children due to start at the centre, that they would settle in well.
- Many of the children are sick at the moment so please pray for renewed health for them.
- For Tijs, Jessica, Marie-Lou, Lowie and Rosalie as they visit the UK for a week in February.