

NEWSLETTER

Together we are strong!



Picture taken during a social event in April that FCE children and young people shared with a group of Swedish teenagers going through a confirmation course.

Dear Supporters,

We are sending you this greeting from Marghita, Romania with joy!

We are thankful for all of you who want to help the weak and vulnerable to have a better life. You are all extremely important to us. It is so good to see that many people want to join the big team of workers and intercessors.

We have had approximately 140 people visiting Marghita this Spring, many of them for the first time. Some weeks there were not enough rooms in the guest and volunteer house so alternative solutions had to be found. We hope that you, who have been here recently and felt moved by the work, shall not forget the needs.

Now is your chance to support the work from where you are!



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Some of the people who visited Marghita this Spring for the first time express their thoughts:

Trip to Marghita

"We could not have imagined the circumstances which some people there live in. It is not even 1300 km from Sweden and Romania is an EU state!

To work as a volunteer in a country allows you to see the country in a way that you would never do as a tourist. To hear and to see what it is like to live in a poor country makes you grateful to live in a country such as Sweden.

It was really nice and interesting for us, who up until a few months ago knew hardly anything about the work in Marghita, to meet other volunteers who have been there up to 25 times, others who have been there a few times and others like us, for the first time. We felt close ties and comradeship with everyone and had many good laughs. We can really recommend others to go and help out with their skills.

We also did some sightseeing at the weekends where we saw the surrounding area. We have never seen so many derelict houses and we wondered if people could really live in these houses. We also made a visit to the camp building where we enjoyed a cup of coffee in the sun! One Sunday we attended the church where a number of the children and young people go.

It was particularly good to meet the family who will live in the new family home. It is a wonderful family and it was a pure delight to be able to help build their new home. We are very much looking forward to visiting once they have moved in. We will return when the opportunity is given.

To be so completely alone like so many of the children and young people are became a wake-up call for us, who are surrounded by families, friends, church family and a network

of people. It makes us appreciate it even more.

We met a 20 year old young man who lives at Brandusa who told us that it is not your hair colour or your outside that counts but the heart and what is on the inside. "

Greetings from

Marianne och Lars-Göran

First time in a construction-team

"When my sister asked if I wanted to come to Romania I said yes without having to think about it. However, as the day for departure rapidly approached I thought to myself, what had I got myself into as I did not know anyone else.

I met a wonderful team who have set up a fantastic work and I met good and loving people. It became one of my most enjoyable trips. There is a lot left to do in order to improve the situation for Roma people but it is possible as "it is only in headwind that the kite rises to the sky". Another proverb that I like is "Give a smile away and it will return to you".

Sören Löfvenborg



The new house

With great joy we can proudly announce that the work on the family home in Marghita is steadily moving forward thanks to many willing construction workers. Sven-Eric Ekenberg

writes this in his weekly update letter to all construction workers:

“Sven was a painter throughout his professional life and has also continued once he retired. He turned 80 in the beginning of the year and thought they probably needed him in Marghita. So he and his wife Elsie came along with the May team on their first trip to Romania. He did not know how needed he was! He is putting up wallpaper while the others are painting, sewing curtains, putting on locks and door handles etc. This means that the second floor is now “closed”. It is now as done as it can be before we embark on the wet rooms. That might well be what we begin with this coming Autumn. Please contact Sven-Erik, Tel: 004637023222 or ekb.se@compaqnet.se if you want to join a construction team this Autumn.



Ilie and Camelia are family home parents in the family home in Chiribis.

Family home

After having been empty for some time, we once again opened the family home in Chiribis in March. Four siblings aged between 12 and 18 have got a new family and home. However, it is not easy at all for them to adapt to a brand new world. Having had a very difficult upbringing that no one should have to experience, they are in need of a lot of peace, love and sound limits. Sadly, whilst writing this newsletter, two of the siblings ‘chose’ to move back to where they came from.

Do you want to give a child the chance to go on camp?

10 euro will pay for a day at camp for one child in our camp building in Chislaz. When more people give, more children will experience wonderful camp days! A five day camp costs 50 euro per child.

When Tomas turned 50, he did not want presents but wanted to “support the fantastic work amongst the children in Marghita and do something for one of these least of mine according to Matthew 25:40”. He invited friends and family who gave more than 1000 euro which is enough for a camp week for 20 children.

Tomas and his family hope that this will inspire others who also celebrate their birthdays and other special occasions.

Thankfulness

Zoli is turning 25. He is thankful that people who want to help him came into his life. He sees it as an expression of God’s care. He, who lost out on so much as a child, has now got so much back. Many young people’s eyes have been opened and they have let thankfulness into their lives. We, who have followed these children and young people, take it as an encouragement and an inspiration to continue this very important work. Please do the same!

*A big thank you to all of you
who are working with us to
give abandoned children and
young people a dignified life
and a hope for the future.*

*We wish you a
wonderful summer!*

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"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Jesus, Matt 25:40

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