

CASA HARULUI NEWLETTER, NOVEMBER 2019

We are sending greetings from Casa Harului, alongside with some news about us.

This year I met a lovely man, and we decided to move on in life. None of you have met Dani before, but I know that many of you prayed for me, for us. On 28th of September we've celebrated our wedding at Casa Harului. I know Dani loves the Lord, and he loves me. At the moment he lives and works in Germany. The Ministry is on our heart, therefore, we took the decision to be here, near Stuttgart, until spring, then return to Romania for good.



Things here are good, good to be just two of us, somehow detaching myself from Casa Harului immediate needs, thinking together on refreshing the vision, how we can blend our skills together for developing the work. It is challenging, a good challenge and we appreciate your prayer support as we continue the work at Casa Harului.

Camps 2019 went well, 12 weeks on, plus running different events, powerful stories, old friends coming together, new families enjoying a holiday and special times in a christian environment. For us it's a reward to see people's desire, when they leave the place, of looking for their next year return. Parents lives were touched, friendships solidified, God be praised for His continuing blessings upon us.



The volunteers were amazing again, giving their spare time to serve others. It was great to be able to take some of them, for a bit of time, away in nearby wilderness, to build up the team. Thanks to everyone for your big heart.



Also we were blessed with a new professional cooker and kitchen electrical equipment. It looks like for next year we are going to have a dishwasher, Thanks to Barn Church, Inverness, for all these equipment.

Repairs have been done as maintenance is always needed, so, plumbing repairs, lots of painting, varnish, oiling for the wood treatment. Green tunnel has been provided lettuce, onion, tomatoes, peppers, different herbs, all fresh and bio!

It's great to be away, beside consolidating our relationship, Dani and I are able to talk about many possibilities of moving the project ahead.

Summer camps 2020 – Eight weeks are already booked, for 7 weeks teams of volunteers from abroad are coming over to share their experience partnering the work with us.

2020 brings us **The 25th Casa Harului Anniversary**. We are looking into the best way of doing that, not missing out any one as you have been supporting us over the years in such diverse ways. Therefore, we are going to celebrate each week of the camp (Friday afternoon-evening) how Great God was, is and is to come. Please, take this open invitation, if some of you would like to look into possibility to come over and share with us your joy on how Casa Harului has impacted your life. It will be a real blessing to have you out here.

Many of you know that lots of things have been done in the past three years and you have greatly supported us in so many ways. Now, having Dani in my life it brings courage and drive to move things ahead at Casa Harului. Over the years he's been massively involved in building a church and on administrative side, also working there with teens and young adults. It makes me smile thinking that some of you prayed for such man!

Maintenance is one of our ongoing jobs, but there are few other things we would like to add. Old scrap cars are moved away, trees and shrubs trimmed, trying to keep in top of grass cutting all around the place. Wobbly wobbly way has cement on all the way, sides need to be trimmed, also Dani is looking to have some refuge places alongside. We need to look into arranging the parking area, playground – rotten wood need to be replaced and painted, make some change around the camp fire place and playground area. If you know any people who would like to help us with practical jobs, we welcome them.

Gazebo There are not many places where people can sit around for chats, the big rocks next to the sport field can be used as a base for a gazebo, wheelchair accessible. Benches to be fixed around in more visible places. Also we need to look into more outdoor lighting.

Micro farm – As I was talking to Dani about Special Needs and ways of inclusion, also the way how they interact with animals, he came up with some great ideas. Having some colorful buggies, rabbits, doves, hens, piglets (which can be fed with left over from camps) can add some fun, additional activities, but also food supply for camp (thinking to develop a chicken farm for eggs)

Sheep farm – When Dani saw the investment into that place, he contacted a local farmer, a friend of him, asking if he would like to stay over winter with his flock of sheep, and look after the place (we know other ways it will be easy destroyed). It has been agreed to stay there until March, thinking that we can extend his staying, paying his rent in ...sheep cheese for summer camps. There are some other possibilities on developing that area.

Running programs all the way around is another exploring area. His heart is very much into waking Churches up, infusing the passion to serve Christ. So we look into revitalizing the part of Conferences, Training, Retreats, etc. An exploring issue on how we can make Casa Harului more efficient is to contact churches, invite them over during the camps to have some input, looking also into retreat time.

Transport Minibus/Bus As you know I have struggled with transport issue, so many times needed to hire two minibuses (or a bus) and used cars for transporting people to and from the camp. This year, the cost of it went high. Dani is a professional driver, he has all license up dated, plus managerial license to run a transport business, which can be useful to run Casa Harului transport in season and hire it out of season to provide income for salary and charity projects. Therefore we explore the possibility of buying up to 45 seats bus or a bigger minibus, wheelchair accessible. Estimate cost come up to 15,000 pounds.

Hired bus for camps 2019



Financial situation. This year the finances have been dropped down dramatically, as we had three groups pulled out. We have consulted the accountant and decided to put my job on hold until Dani and I will be back in Romania (aiming for March/April). People who have worked there are made unemployed. Hopefully the team will continue the work with us for next year.

Emanuel and Alin. The decision to move away from my boys I took it in spring, that after camp would be over, to look into possibilities. I thought it will be a way to make them more responsible for life. Dani has encouraged Emanuel to go for driving license. Alin goes also for trailer driving license. I know they can cope with one another without me. Truthfully, my heart is small, still there with them. They seriously have to look after themselves! So far, they are ok, confident that they will make it. Prayers are deeply appreciated.

Prayer Points

- We are thankful for God's faithfulness, blessings, provision, protection, Grace and love poured upon us this year;
- Please, join with us in prayer to strengthen our family relationship, not only for Dani and I, but also with our children Edi, Alin and Emanuel;
- We need wisdom, strength and power to move on in God's will, to listen when we need to stop, to keep our eyes open to the needed, to share with others The Kingdom of God;

- Pray also for financial situation -
- 2020 camps cost, teams' cost to come out, volunteers cost to be covered;
- funds for the bus, including transport and registration;
- funds for micro farm ;
- funds for our road to be enlarged in certain places (local council to pay for it);
- for Romanian businesses and Churches to sustain Casa Harului projects;
- outdoor cameras is required to be installed, estimate price 1,200 euro;

Thank you for taking your time to read this long email, for having us in your thoughts and prayers, we know that makes a massive difference.

Love in Christ

Dani and Maria