

Greetings from Fundația Emanuel Betania in Teiuș

The kindergarten is a private Christian kindergarten, with a long day program for working parents, 7am to 6pm. Two teacher salaries are paid by the State, but the state provides no other money for equipment, maintenance, materials or utilities. It has been quite stressful since our volunteer Maria left in 2022. Maria opened reception for child drop-off at 7am, and cleaned-up at the end of the day, with free time in the afternoon. Everyone has coped since Maria left, but this has meant working very long hours. We don't have the exams and legal papers (or money) to become an employer and take on a paid assistant. We can only hope and pray for volunteers. **Ed**



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We started a new year, with trust that God will provide all the needs for this great ministry to continue. Why? At the beginning of the new school year it was a fight for me to make all the papers and building work to obtain the licence from the Educational Services. It meant hard work and a lot of time to make everything. In addition to this we need to take some more exams and degrees, and we have our own kids and family...

I needed to know for sure that this ministry is God's will, in order to continue. I prayed and then I opened my Bible and read Isaiah 49:3-7.

I could only just read because my eyes were full of tears. I did not see myself able to continue, but God saw us as able. He needs us to show light to the kids, and any time we feel like finishing, we remember this strong word from God. People need us to be a light, so they can find God. In our eyes, we thought what we do is just a waste of time, doing all the papers for a bureaucracy that keeps changing....

But we know that God is faithful, we can see this every day. We work 10 hours every day, and we are still fit and able to start a new day. The cost of everything has doubled, but so far we have managed to have the school materials we need for activities, to go on and share light to the kids, and for the kids to take home to the parents.

So thank you for your prayers, and all the money to keep the schoolrooms warm, with the electricity switched on. [photos below from Christmas in the hall. Above - school inspection day, end of November]

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