

Greetings from Fundația Emanuel Betania in Teiuș

Finances at the kindergarten have been very difficult. The State pays the salaries for two teachers, but that is all. No money for materials, gas, electricity, water or drains. For all these other things the kindergarten relies on the parents and on donations. In June the gas supply was cut off for failure to pay about £500 of bills from Spring 2022.

Over the summer it was necessary to make changes to the boiler room to meet the fire regulations. The boiler room needed a double lined wall with a new fire door. Everything has now been completed and the fire certificate issued. The 16 year old gas boiler heats a large hot water tank, and is not very efficient. The plan is to replace it with a new condensing boiler, which will heat the water as needed, without a storage tank. The loan for this will cost £60 per month for 3 years (total £2160). It is hoped to have the new boiler, with the gas supply reconnected in November. We have bought LED light fittings for the kindergarten, to be fitted in October. These will save money with electricity. **Ed**

In June we said goodbye to the kids who will go to school in September [right]. In July we had a month of holiday club. In August a rest for us! September we renovated the classroom with new fold-down beds donated by a foun-



... donation from Timișoara [left]. Overall it was a hard year, but we succeeded to pass through it. There were a lot of papers to make for the buildings, kindergarten and all other projects. But God was by our side through you, and this was an encouragement to not give up. We feel a blessing of our work through the kids, because their behaviour changes, and the parents also point this out. The children have grown to be more confident. The big ones have learnt to take responsibility for the little ones, and the little ones learn from them. As well as teaching educational values we also teach spiritual values.

We miss our classroom assistant - Maria, who left in the summer. We cannot afford to pay someone to replace her, because the salary tax and insurance are very high in Romania. So for now we have to rely on a few hours each week from our volunteers: - Andreea, Vasile and Dani.

In October we did not use the heating. We gave all the kids an extra sweatshirt to wear - a gift from you! We do not know what the future will bring. It will be a difficult winter and the kids already started to pray for this: that God will help us to feed the homeless and be able to pay all the bills. Otherwise we will have to cope with less lighting and less heating.



*... and less heating. **Ana & Grigore Melente***

