

APRIL 2023

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Location: **Cluj, ROMANIA**

Mission: **Outreach ministry and children's ministry and teaching**



Proverbs 22,6

Start children off on the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

1. As we approach Easter, staff in the Diakonia's afterschool programs in the Salaj county are getting ready to hold the Easter bible clubs. During March we were able to prepare the teaching material and deliver it to each location. We were encouraged by staff who desire to give children a solid, spiritual foundation in their early years, and are committed to create a safe space where children feel valued, protected and nurtured and where they can hear about, and experience God's amazing love.
2. Saturday the 8th of April is international Roma day, when we celebrate Romani culture, history and language. In Méra, it is an opportunity to help each child think about how we are all made in the image of God and how God calls us to treat everyone with love and kindness, and respect. This is especially important in communities where Roma children suffer discrimination and prejudice from an early age.



3. In Late March it was a Joy when six young Roma teens professed faith in Jesus at their confirmation in Mera. All were previous students of ours at the Diakonia and we continue to pray for them as they seek to follow Jesus and faithfully keep the promises they made.



**confirmation at Mera*

Prayer Points

- Give Give thanks for every opportunity to share God's word with the children in the Easter bible clubs, pray that children would respond to the gospel.
- Pray for each child who attends the Easter clubs, that the truth would be explained clearly and passionately and that children would understand the message of the Cross and resurrection.
- Pray for Roma families who face daily discrimination. Pray that international Roma day would be a day of reconciliation and hope among the children in the afterschool programs.
- Pray for the six newly confirmed young people in Mera. Pray they would be faithful in their walk with Christ and that they would shine Jesus to their family and community around them.