

**Csaba and Ilona Veres**

Location: **Cluj, ROMANIA**

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



As we look back, we give thanks for the many changes in the community, we also look forward with hope and confidence in the one who never changes, and whose 'love endures forever; and **faithfulness** continues through all generations.' Psalm 100:5

After 25 years of Christian community development in the village of Mera, there has come a time when many of the ministries have been handed over to local leaders and the only Diakonia ministry remaining in the village is a small afterschool for 10 kindergarten children. For us this means it is time to seek God's direction for our future.



Over the years of a variety of community development activities, spending time with people, listening, talking, praying, together, forming lasting relationships has been the place where the gospel could be lived out and shared. Through the years there have been many struggles and at times disappointments, but many of the ministry focus areas in Mera have seen positive change.

We have known the Spirit's work through engaging with families and through opportunities for bible teaching. We have seen adults and children changed by God's grace and are encouraged by the ongoing openings and continue to pray for the Reformed pastor and for the Roma lay preacher, his family and other local church leaders.

In February we attended a Christian community development training course of the Hungarian Church's Roma mission, and we will attend the continuing course in March. The training is for Roma and non-Roma mission staff, the aim is to strengthen the local church to serve together bringing the gospel in word and deed to their needy and often-divided communities.

**Prayer Points**

- Pray for staff and volunteers of the gypsy mission, for deepening relationship with Christ and growth in passion for reconciliation in their communities, local churches and daily ministries.
- Pray for God's kingdom to flourish in Roma communities in Hungary and Romania and that God will use the Roma to be a blessing throughout Europe.
- Pray for us as we continue to seek God's leading in our lives and direction for the future.