

## Csaba and Ilona Veres

Location: **Cluj, ROMANIA**

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



This spring again, we were able to provide Diakonia children's programmes with Easter Bible teaching material for the Easter clubs. In Mera, our Easter five-day club will be held at the beginning of April and we will follow up with an "After Easter" series before the Orthodox Easter break at the beginning of May. We give thanks for the positive response from children who attend the Good News Club enthusiastically and enjoy the Bible lessons, memory verses and new songs. It is our prayer that children will learn biblical principles which will help Christian children deepen in their faith and that others will accept the Saviour.

Churches in Romania have remained open throughout the autumn and winter; however with fluctuating numbers of cases of Coronavirus in our region, many churches have been operating with a hybrid system with the majority of people choosing to attend online.

For our home church in Cluj (Tokoz) and others like it, the challenge for the spring will be how to make wise choices in re-engaging with the wider fellowship, encouraging families to return to in-person worship and face to face small group fellowship. Men's fellowship, Alpha and Home-group Bible studies have all restarted in person.

As we make plans to rebuild relationships with those who have been isolated or disconnected, especially the elderly who have had limited online presence, we pray for wisdom and safety.

*Photo: Socially- distanced church service.*

### Prayer points

- Pray for open hearts as we share the good news of Jesus in the children's after school programmes.
- Pray that God would bless the use of an Easter family booklet for the children to share the Easter story in their homes.
- Pray for wisdom to implement the protocols necessary to keep in-person worship safe as more return to face to face worship.
- Pray for the continued safety and health for families, children and the Diakonia staff.
- Pray for continued healing of Diakonia colleagues and church members who have been sick and suffering from Covid 19.