

## Csaba and Ilona Veres

Location: **Cluj, ROMANIA**

**JUNE 2021**

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



In Mera, family visits and literacy classes for women will continue throughout June. During an intensive literacy week for women in May, we began a series looking at symbols of the Word of God, praying that the women would have a real desire to read the Bible for themselves and set aside time daily for listening to / reading God's Word. We will continue with this theme during the month of June looking at the Word of God as fire to refine (Jer 23), mirror to reflect, food to nourish and gold to enrich (Psalm 19).

We give thanks that in May we were able to hold our annual 'Love bridge' programme where we explore servant-hood and children are challenged to show God's love by serving in their local communities. In Mera we took small packages containing hand sanitising gel, disinfectant soap, masks and multivitamins to elderly people in the village and sang songs praising God for his grace and goodness no matter what the circumstances are around us.

The Diakonia's after-school programmes will continue until the end of June when summer programmes begin in Mera and two other locations. This summer, working together with local volunteers and churches we will run Summer school and Holiday Bible weeks for the children, in line with Covid restrictions in place.

Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy continues to be an issue in Roma communities. In mid-June in Mera we will hold a seminar for parents to try to raise awareness, present clear information and tackle vaccine misinformation so families can make informed decisions.

In mid-June we will attend a Reformed Church Gypsy mission conference on the theme of child protection. We

give thanks for the opportunity to connect with pastors and missionaries working with Roma and get updated on policy and practice.



*Photos: The distribution of hand sanitising gel, disinfectant soap, masks and multivitamins in Mera*

### Prayer points

- Give thanks for all those children who have already come to faith and want to grow in their knowledge of God and serve others.
- Pray that God will prepare the hearts of many more children to hear the good news and trust the Saviour.
- Pray for the ongoing weekly Good News Club, the plans for summer Bible weeks and wisdom in how to organise these safely.
- Pray too for the seminar for parents from the Roma communities to present clear information on the Covid vaccines.