

Csaba and Ilona Veres

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Location: **Cluj, ROMANIA**

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



*"But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint."
Isaiah 40:31*

The Diakonia palliative home-care nurses continually face new challenges in this pandemic. As they daily treat patients, they are under increased stress because of the many Covid regulations which mean patients are isolated, or at times prevented from getting hospital care.

It is easy at times like these for hope to waver. Csaba holds a fortnightly support group for the nursing staff, a time to listen, share and pray together.



Photo: The support group for nurses which Csaba leads

In Mera the literacy classes, after-school programme and family visiting started up again on 8 February, along with the opening of primary schools and the easing of restrictions nationwide here. The children were excited at the restart of the Good News club and overjoyed to be together in person for the last in our series of lessons on walking in faith.

The Bible study groups in Mera share and pray for one another through our messenger group which is active daily. Even though we can't meet together in homes just yet, we are praying for a renewed sense of fellowship and connection and a renewed trust in the faithfulness of God.

Prayer points

- Pray that the nurses would be open to sharing challenges, fears or encouragements, be strengthened by the Word of God, and comforted by the Holy Spirit.
- Pray the Diakonia nurses would be strengthened to show God's compassion and share hope with patients and their families facing isolation, suffering, death, and grief.
- Praise God for the enthusiasm at the restarting of the Good News Club. Pray for those children who have trusted Jesus, that they would walk in faith and grow in their love for him.
- Pray for continued safety and health for families, children and Diakonia staff as the Covid numbers continue to fluctuate in the Cluj County.
- Pray too for God's protection, wisdom and guidance for Csaba and Ilona in all they do.