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Location: **Cluj, ROMANIA**

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



*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5: 7*

As in many parts of the world a surge in coronavirus infection rates is the continuing cause of fear and uncertainty in the communities we work in. We pray for those whose health, income or livelihood is threatened, and for many who are fearful and anxious at this time.

In October, Romania had the highest number of Covid-19 cases and deaths in Europe, with almost the lowest percentage of vaccinations. The Romanian government introduced 30 day national restrictions with night-time curfew and closure of schools, limited access to recreation facilities and shops. Churches remain open and unrestricted; however, many are choosing to attend online.

Diakonia after-school programmes are closed, and contact with families has reverted to phone or where possible online platforms. Most staff are on furlough, however in one location the Diakonia staff (Rebeka and Reka) have been seconded to the local government to work in their vaccination drive, visiting and contacting families, assisting with registration and promoting reliable Covid-19 health information to keep community safe and well informed.

Two weeks before we were due to get our booster we contracted Covid-19 and so have been in self-isolation for 14 days. We are thankful for mild symptoms and the supportive loving care of friends and colleagues who have brought us supplies.

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Prayer points

- As the Covid-19 infection rates surge in the region, please continue to pray for those affected by coronavirus or in isolation. Pray for teams from the Diakonia who reach out to bring support and comfort.
- Pray for safety and strength for Rebeka and Reka as they serve their community in the vaccination drive. Pray for opportunities to speak of the peace of God, and what it means to cast all our anxiety on him because he cares for us. 1 Peter 5:7
- Pray for the Mera online Good News Club which is watched by around six families each week.
- Pray for the Mera online Bible study group. Pray that members would support and encourage each other during this fourth wave of coronavirus, and be faithful witnesses to the hope and peace we have in Jesus.
- We will return to N Ireland in early November for a period of home assignment. We would appreciate prayer for preparations and travel.