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Romania - Voivodeni

*Dear Friends and  
Supporters,*



At the end of September this year eight people from the SB Foundation made a journey to Romania with the main aim to visit three of the Foundation's help projects in the country. In the village Voivodeni, where the Foundation throughout the year gives school students lunch, help to poor families affected by Corona, and help with renovating and improving the kindergarten, including a recently built large sports field, we attended a service at the church, where we among other things have paid for new church benches.

The church in Voivodeni is the real gathering place in the village. There you gather for service, celebrate Mother's Day and distribute Christmas presents to all the children in the village etc. When we were there the church was crowded with the old as well as the young. The priest Denes Csaba preached, a youth choir sang and the priest's daughter recited a Swedish song in Norwegian "Who can sail without wind" (actually she studies Norwegian at the university), then the Swedish visiting group sang the words in Swedish. Arne Wikström, the priest normally leading the SB Foundation's services in Stockholm, handed over a mission candlestick and talked about Jesus as the light of the world. The church was newly renovated and nice.

But only a couple of weeks after we returned to Sweden a mail from the priest arrived, announcing that a terrible storm had blown off the roof tiles on the church. The Village people helped by taking away fallen tree branches and crushed tiles. A new roof must be laid in the same style as the original, as the church is classified. And in order to prevent rain coming into the church making still more damage, the roof has to be in place as soon as possible. It would cost SEK 90 000, which the parish did not have. They asked the SB Foundation for help, but even for us it is a large amount of money. We have been able to send some of it, but half the needed amount still remains.

The Foundation has also initiated some projects "Helping people help themselves". Some village inhabitants have already registered their interest in starting a family business. One man wanted to start a carpentry workshop, another man wanted to breed calves and a woman wanted to start a hairdressing salon. These are the three pilot projects of the SB Foundation. Several have lined up. It feels very urgent that the families should be able to support themselves and not rely upon contributions from abroad or seasonal work in other countries, which in addition has proven unsustainable in Corona times when journeys abroad have not been possible. Funding for a minor start-up is given by the Foundation and then the families have to manage on their own.

Before Christmas we also do not want to forget our friends elsewhere in Romania like Bogdand, Floresti and Ciumeghiu. We hope you'll want to help by joining us.



At the SB Foundation's service on November 21 Roger preached and Lidingö Cappella sang so beautifully under the direction of Li Ringquist Östman. At the church café after the service many in the circle of friends wrote their names on Christmas cards that, together with some goodies, will delight the recipients for Christmas. We hope they will feel that they have many friends in Sweden.



**Thank you for your Christmas gift says the SB Foundation and Arne, Elisabeth, Ivar, Lena, Roger  
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