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Sunlight Center is situated in the Danube Delta area (Dunavatu de Jos, Tulcea County, Romania). Raza Soarelui-Sunlight is the only charity organization in an isolated, perspective limited area. The majority of the local community consists of fishermen that lately have to deal with poor fish catch and among the schools of Dunavat and Murighiol we have noticed many children from underprivileged families that have consistently scored very low on school tests and are at risk of school drop out.

Dear Friends,

In the Sunlight Centre, children are making progress with reading, maths and English language. We work especially with children who must catch up because there is no one at home to help them with their homework.

At the beginning of February it snowed and we had a snow-storm – powerful wind of 80 km/h that broke the power cables, leaving us without electricity for 3 days.



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order to have heat, on the second day, I tried to start the generator. I would not start, and after an hour of trying, with new gas added, the spark plug warmed up.... it still wouldn't start. We had minus 8 or 9 degrees Celsius, and our outdoor clothes on. Tired and frozen, I went into a room and started praying to God, asking Him to tell me what He wanted me to do in such a situation. Then I understood that I should trust in Him, having forgotten to do that before, through my wish to fix things faster and get heat. I understood

that, He released me of my worries, I went again to start the generator, while singing the song 'I trust in Him no matter what'... I went through the snowstorm to get back to the generator, and it started on the first try... I was amazed and thanked God. Then, two days later, I saw the direct intervention of God, when I had to get my car out of the garage, but had a 40 meters path to get to the street and the snow was 70-80 cm tall, meaning about 2 days of work to clear it by myself... but my phone rang and a family of 5 told me that they were on the way to see us and they could help. I hadn't called them but God had sent them, and in 3-4 hours, the path was clear and I could use the car. Thank God for His help.

We had a meeting with the kids' parents on the topic of raising children and phone addiction. Almost all the parents of the children attending the Sunlight Centre took part in it.

We wish, during this cold winter season, to have a few more meeting with the parents.





We collected clothes from various places, from REACH UK, from Romania, from brothers in Germany ...

We sorted through them, divided them into categories in the activity room and invited the parents and children to come pick what fits them and whatever they need. It was a great joy and a real help for the people in Dunavatu de Sus, Dunavatu de Jos and Murighiol.



We had a meeting with the eighth grade teenagers, about how to have a purpose in life and I was surprised by the fact that they are no longer patient enough and don't take things seriously – because in June they will have the end of gymnasium exam, yet they are adrift and don't think of the future. I pray for them and urge you to do so as well, that God will give them wisdom to do what they have to do



We are currently preparing the Mother's Day recital, by teaching the children to do something hand-made for their mothers. The kids are excited and work hard but with great joy, seeing that their work is paying off.

The recital will be on March 7, 2020, but the children have already learned their poems and songs.

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