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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 Dunavatu 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,

Today, we were blessed by God with rain, because for the past 4 months, in our area, there has been no rain, the fields are dry. Yesterday, I saw a herd of sheep that were grazing while running, because there were a few strands of grass here and there! There are families living off the cultures in their gardens (potatoes, onions, corn, tomatoes, peppers). They are all complaining that there were no crops. But God is good! And we trust in Him, because He will provide for us.

At the Sunlighty Centre, we had a very quiet summer! Without children, although we missed them, but we did visit them at their homes! We went and spoke to them as well as their parents. So, Covid also has some good sides, giving us a reason to do family visits! We encouraged them to not forget what we taught them and I was amazed to learn that these children actually pray for the community and for the virus to go back to where it came from!

In contrast, the Hilary House was full and people who came there helped, so God had provided for us throughout the entire summer and we are grateful for that. There were small groups of 6-10 people at a time, from the same family or group of friends. We are thankful to the Lord for protecting us, as we have not had any Covid cases! Now, we want to restart the activity at the Sunlight Centre, so we have made the necessary preparations in the rooms, the kitchen, with the equipments, sanitizers, rules, markings – we're now only waiting for volunteers and the children to come over.

Brother Mike, one of our volunteers who also ensured the transportation for the rest of our volunteers in Tulcea, had a spinal cord surgery and is still in recovery at the moment and we pray for him.

If the Covid situation lasts much longer, we will have to start investing in upgrading our facilities in accordance with the rules set out by the law.

But until then, we will be praying to God to help us during the following period of time, so that we can work with these children at the Sunlight Centre. And when I say this, I am referring to the food or money for food, heat, electricity, usables, transportation and paying the woman who works in the kitchen, cleaning, etc.

There are also other reasons for prayers:

For our protection, being in close proximity with a lot of people and the children we will be working with prayers for the project for upgrading the sports field – for which the technical project was rejected, then, before having a chance to redo it, the architect went into self-isolation, and after we finally submitted it, the person who was supposed to look it over went on vacation, and now they are very busy.

We send our regards with lots of love and we hope you are well! Nick and Elisabeth Dinu, Dunavatu de Jos, Romania

