

Newsletter Aug 2023

ROMANIA – VOIVODENI, Inspection by the authorities, etc

Dear Friends and Supporters,



Our contact person in Voivodeni, Denes Csaba tells us that a new group of refugees – children and youngsters – from Ukraine has arrived in the village; he sends us this photo of them. SB Foundation continues to support the refugees financially so they can get breakfast, lunch, a snack, and supper every day. Some of the women in the parish jointly help to prepare a hot meal for them. As we have described earlier, the refugees are given a place to live on the second floor of the elementary school which has been equipped as dormitories. The parishioners take the sheets home, wash

them and hang



them out to dry in their gardens. Certainly, both the meal preparations and washing of the sheets evidence amazing solidarity, benevolence, and care. The villagers have small or no financial resources to contribute, but they offer their labor. But, Denes tells us that the authorities recently inspected the sanitary conditions at the elementary school, and that this resulted in a directive requiring the purchase of a washing machine, dryer and dishwasher within two weeks. Denes asked us if SB Foundation could financially assist with this. In spite of the substantial expenses for refugee aid, school meals, and summer camp for youngsters, the Board quickly decided to send money for the appliances. Thanks to funds from private donors, a couple of organizations, and a bequest, the Foundation was able to meet this expense. It created a big hole in the treasury since we do not have large reserves. But, the aim is not for the Foundation's cash to remain untouched but for it to be put to use in our aid work.

But then, yet another need surfaced – a paralyzed man needs a Permobil (an advanced, motorized wheelchair). If you wish to help him receive one, please specify "permobil" when you make your donation.

Warm summer greetings from SB Foundation via us on the Board, *Arne, Elisabeth, Gloria, Lena, Roger*





