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*Dear Friends and
Supporters,*



In this letter we let the project leader Dana talk about one of the Gypsy families in Floresti. The name of the family is Cengheni and includes 37 (!) family members who all live in this house with four entrances. Through the organization World Vision, new windows and doors have been installed (see picture), which is great progress. Monica O. Cengheni is 53 years old and has never gone to school or worked outside her home. She has eight



Monica O. Cengheni

children (six daughters and two sons ranging in age from 15 to 35 and 19 grandchildren (from 1-17 years of age).

Only two of Monica's children have a job. The 35-year-old daughter with the same name as her mother, has attended school up to 8th grade, has four children and works cleaning offices and washing windows. Her son Gheorghe, 35 years old, is married and has four children. He is in the recycling business and provides for his family by gathering and selling junk.



The picture to the left shows Monica O:s daughter Nicoleta, who is 33 years old and married. She has attended school up to 4th grade but has no job. Nicoleta and her husband have four children. The picture to the right shows the grandchild Alizia (5 years old). Alexia has become especially fond of Dana and recently said to her: "You are my friend for you help me".



Ever since the SB Foundation and the Romanian Excelsior Foundation started collaborating in 2014 on school education, especially for Gypsy children, in the village Floresti, the Cengheni family has been eager to participate in the project. The project covers a preparatory year in the grades I-IV. If the children get support during their first school years, the chances of them succeeding with continuing education are much better. Some of the Cengheni family's children, today around 15 years of age, have been in the project from the very beginning and continued through the grades V-VIII, while the younger children still participate in the project. It brings hope for a brighter future. Dana says that it feels extra important during the corona which has affected poor people especially hard, to be able to stand by their side and help. During the corona pandemic the teaching cannot be done in age groups but rather in a sort of "B-class", all ages mixed together. Dana writes: *Jesus, the apostles and Mother Teresa preached "united in love". That means to banish hate, division, misunderstanding and differences between us. It means to love one another and reject evil. We talked about that with children and youngsters, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, all of them waiting for us when we come every day to talk to them and help them with their problems. We fight to make their lives less difficult, and we thank God and you in Sweden for taking part in this project. Dana sends hugs and blessings and much love to all friends in Sweden.*

The SB Foundation and our board members *Arne, Elisabeth, Ivar, Lena, Roger* are glad that the foundation's school project makes a big difference for the better and we thank all contributors.

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