

HÁROM GALAMB

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The last few months have felt like a warm gift, wrapped and tied with a bow. When one believes in something with clarity and a pure spirit, then it seems that mountains can be moved just with a smile, with an open palm or with a clear look, as we hope you will see below:



✂ Looking back all the way to the autumn harvest already feels nostalgic. Playful apple picking, smiling over large tomatoes, searching for hidden nuts, pressing grapes, enjoying a harvest meal, thanksgiving, making preserves, trying new recipes, zipped up coats and a natural palette of colours. Week after week of making apple and grape juice, currant jelly, spiced apple jam, compote, chutney, and delicious cakes. And then finally, we



celebrated the end of autumn with a wine harvest ball.

✂ In October, we took part in our second exciting “Run FOR IT” fundraising event, where we were indescribably proud of our young people who run and tricycled with all their might! The preparation and fundraising period were as rewarding as the event itself. The extraordinary presence and dedication of the parents made it a real team effort and similarly to last year, we exceeded our target amount. The money raised will help fund the improvement of our garden, by building a wicker fence and a garden tool store. The garden itself is shaping up beautifully and will provide many therapeutic opportunities for our work with our young people. We are grateful for this.



✂ It is with great anticipation that this multifunctional garden building is in the pipeline. It will serve as a tool store, a herb dryer and a propagation greenhouse. It will be a feast for the eyes and is already a delight for the soul to know that it will be ready for use in the spring.

✂ We had a fantastic music and dance event with the Chicago duo Hi-Dukes & Jutta. They impressed us in many languages, but most of all in the language of their magical music. We have been talking about our wonderful experience with them ever since.



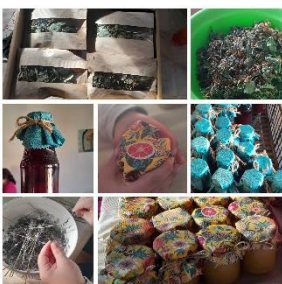


✧ Thanks to our cooperation with the Iris House in Sfântu Gheorghe, we learned about a great initiative of the Diakonia Christian Foundation. The project aims to create opportunities for people with disabilities to get involved in local Christian programmes, meeting people of different ages. We took part in the Bible week on one of the days, when a Service with communion was shared. Following this and we created a large, felted picture together with the young people of the village that is now hanging in the church. We also

made Advent wreaths with local pupils for the elderly in the village and built a beautiful wheelchair accessible walkway to the Kantorlak. We now really enjoying the monthly Bible studies and talks given by the Reform pastor Botond Rátoni, which are also part of the project. Since our engagement with the project, have participated in a meaningful series of programmes that have helped us to take the first step towards introducing our young people with disabilities to the Christian community, and we look forward to creating more such opportunities in the future.



✧ Another highlight was the visit of the painter and teacher David Newbatt from Scotland, and this still lives very vividly in us. Our pictures, painted with his guidance, are now decorating the walls of our weavery. Accompanied by his storytelling, painting with him became an inner journey. He taught us not only to paint, but to listen to ourselves.



✧ Now we are busy with our preparations for the Christmas markets. We will be selling the products, so dear to our hearts, that have been shaped by the hands of our young people throughout the year. They are the fruits of concentrated work, many, many tries and re-tries, perseverance, attention, patience and love.

Thank you very much for your year-long interest, kind gestures, enquiries, questions, donations, and continued support.

From us all at Három Galamb, we wish you a joyful Christmas and

A happy New Year!