

Hands of Hope Newsletter Autumn 2025

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Autumn Newsletter

Hello friends,

As the season changes, we're delighted to share encouraging updates from our projects and communities. Thank you for standing with us—your support is making a real and lasting difference.

Children's Work: A Full and Flourishing Program

Our education project is thriving, with a full timetable of classes led by **Gaelle** and **Doina**. Thanks to a generous legacy by the late **Marion Anderson**, a lady who was passionate about children, their education and nurture, we are remodelling the Centre's room layout - creating spaces that are calmer, safer, and more effective for learning. The legacy will also allow us to install some outside exercise equipment, in the Spring for use by all the local community.

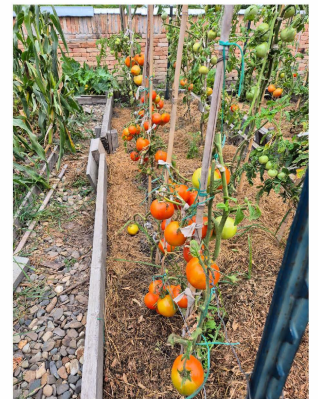


With the new school year underway, we were especially glad to help a newer member of the **Cobila Community** access local government support and resources. Small steps like these open big doors for our young people

From Garden to Table: Harvest Highlights

A huge thank you to our Romania team, who faithfully care for the properties and vegetable garden. This summer's harvest was a joy—**sweetcorn, beans, salads, tomatoes, and courgettes**—all shared with local families. There's still **carrots and beetroot** waiting to be lifted later this season.

Maintenance has been in full swing: garden fences repaired, long grass cut, and fruit-tree pruning just around the corner. It's amazing to remember that when we first came to **Cobila**, it was just a maize field. Today we're grateful to see **seven houses, a Community Centre, a Barn, and many fruit trees**—some now broad enough to offer cool shade on warm days. What growth!



Ukraine: Standing With the Church

On the first weekend of our visit, we were delighted to welcome Nelis and Inesa Van Rooyen from Life Church, Vredendal, South Africa (Four12 Global). Their time with us was rich in fellowship and encouragement as we visited Roma families we support in Romania.

Together, we also made two trips into Ukraine: first, a day visit to a local church in Chernivtsi; then time with the "Supporting Autism Families of Kherson" group now based in Ivano-Frankivsk. We plan our Ukraine visits around weekends so we can worship with our friends in Chernivtsi. Although we sadly missed last Sunday's service, we were thrilled to hear that five people were baptised—including 91-year-old twins, Nadiya and Vera—a beautiful testimony of enduring faith.

Please continue to pray with us for this church family and for all we serve, and thank you for your ongoing practical support that makes these visits—and their impact—possible.



Top Left: Baptism candidates
Top Right: With Inesa and Nelis
Bottom Left: Cementing friendship
Bottom Right: Writing parcel labels

Autism Support Group: Listening, Learning, and Lifting Up

We remain committed to supporting families from **Kherson**. In August, we visited those now living in **Ivano-Frankivsk** and were honoured to meet one father for the first time—recently decommissioned from his post as a medic on the front line. We shared a meal, heard their stories, and offered encouragement in a tender, hope-filled time together.

While there, we mailed parcels to families in **Odesa** and **Kherson**. As ever, **Nova Posta** did an excellent job—everything arrived safely within a day or so.

Thank You

Your generosity keeps classrooms open, gardens growing, and families supported across borders. If you'd like to help us continue this work—whether through giving, volunteering, or prayer—thank you. Together, we're cultivating places where people can learn, heal, and belong.

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