

Time passed with pleasure and anticipation in our institutes since the spring because we got a promise from Operation Orphan that they will plan and organize the collecting of winter clothes. They have kept their promise and collected with love and boxed and sent their donation to Kisvárda, Hungary. The pack of 44 boxes arrived on the 26th of September to move on with me to the three institutes chosen by O.O. Truly beautiful and valuable winter coats, sweaters, bonnets, gloves, scarves, warm stockings, shoes and boots were in the boxes, along with kind greetings from the organizations that I passed on to the children and their educators. These greetings were read by the parents too because I displayed them at the entrance of the institutes. Everyone was asking who had sent these beautiful things so they could say thank you for them!

It is a great help to the families, especially in these two regions of Hungary that probably are the poorest of all. The families of the children live in really bad conditions in these villages. Many have a large family, so we can say that not only one receives a gift but when they outgrow the clothes, they will hand them down to a little brother or sister. Winter is always harder on the family budget because procuring fuel consumes any spare funds. The extra they had with the summer seasonal work slips away fast. This is why it is such a great help to get this kind of useful and valuable gift.

From measurements of the children, I have found the right sized articles of clothing and shoes for everyone, and after selecting and putting them in bags, first I set out to Felsődobsza.





the gifts are in bags... a picture before leaving wall-newspaper of the kindergarten /Felsődobsza /



Felsődobsza, a village in the north-eastern part of the country; it's a beautiful hilly country.





the building of the kindergarten /Felsődobsza/

There are 49 children in the kindergarten (25 boys and 24 girls), they mostly come from families at a disadvantage. The children were happy to put on and show me the newly received garments.



the joy of the children in Felsődobsza

My next destination was **Abaújkér**, in the same region. There is a multi-colored and multi-leveled education in this institute: a kindergarten, an elementary school, a training college and their specialized classes are all among the same building. There were 43 children (19 girls and 24 boys, between age 7 and 15) were delighted at the gifts.





Abaújkér, one of the buildings of the institute





and some children from the institute in Abaújkér

My third destination was in the eastern corner of the country, close the the Ukranian border, *Gyüre*, where 65 children (32 girls and 33 boys) were waiting breathlessly for my arrival. They were happily trying on the garments they liked and (with the help of the kindergarten teachers) they put them into bags, so they would have them selected and ready by the time they go home in the afternoon.





The building of the kindergarten in Gyüre from outside

and from inside









/ joyful fitting in the kindergarten of Gyüre /





/ ... and finally everyone has found the one he/she wanted /

It was a great pleasure to be able to pass these gifts to the children. Through this report, I would like to pass on all the joy and thanks I got from the children and their educators to those who took part with me in this activity. From Hungary, we wish to all colleagues of the **Operation Orphan** and all the families who made this possible by offering these gifts, God's blessings and perfection of His joy!





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