



Humaned 2000-2010



Het jaar 2000 de start van Humaned

9 the of august 2000 the papers where signed and Humaned was a fact. Domicili was by Bob Romkes and Mila Ivanowitch. Mila was a former citizen from Yugoslavia on the bosnian side of the multi-ethnic country.

Humaned was erected with Hans Uitdenbogerd as Chairman. Bob Romkes secretary and Paul Romeijn as treasurer. Piet Joor as board member. The reason for erecting Humaned was a better way of bringing help to Croatia and eventually Bosnia. In The city of Slavonski Brod there was soon a worthwhile organization on which we focussed for the coming 10 years.

Which help was needed where ?

The first years were difficult for Humaned. In the north there were three places to give help to: 1. Varazdin and very near there was a little village: 2. Kotariba, where a lot of Roma people lived in inhuman circumstances and: 3. Donja Dubrava:

In an estuary of the river there was a place nobody wanted and there were some dwellings erected. Dwellings, because the name of houses was not fitting to some bricks or wooden planks with often car-bonnets as a roof. There was no shortage of water for twice a year there could be one meter to 1,5 meter of water in the place where the dwellings stood because of melting floods. The result was that everybody went up to the dike next to it to stay alive. That situation remained until the water levels dropped again. Small tents were made of plastic and branches of the surrounding woods.

The first time we visited those people in the described circumstances, emotions ran high among the Dutch 4x4 travelers. Tears were mingled with anger in the group.

We slept in a church nearby in the cellar on mattresses we brought along. There were some lively and not so easy discussions as a result of the awkward situation we saw that day.

Humaned needs space for the goods

In a few years of successful working as Humaned we experienced problems. Where to leave the goods we wanted to bring to the Balkan?

Marina Molenaars, a volunteer who really knows where to get things, is by now a member of the board of Humaned. She convinced the local government to let us have the old fire department's building. Several years we used it, until some awful kids set the place to fire. A big loss to Humaneds goods and warehouse.

Under left you see Ruud van den Bosch and Gerard Holtman connect a trailer of foundation Promotion in the Netherlands. The car Ruud van den Bosch has is nearly broken in half and will not drive with us this time.

Foundation Promotion developed into a grand supporter and sponsor for Three Angela through Humaned: anything from money to high/low beds, money for bibles, support for kids in school whose parents have no money for the midday meal at school.

In one word: Bravo and many thanks.





caritas in Kotariba
near Varadzin

Vukovar the old and the new



selling and yelling, we have a stand on a market and raise money.



Marina has arranged a lot of beds for Slavonski Brod. The beds passed through our hands several times before they arrived in Croatia.



high/low beds organised by Marina Molenaar



Vukovar the symbol of cruelties in war.

In the years 1996-1999 there were often transports to Vukovar. This city had the honor of being the example for the whole area how the Serbs could misbehave.

Apart from smashing the city from across the river, eventually the population itself and the wounded people and soldiers in the hospital were driven out. They were replaced with their own wounded soldiers. The outdriven citizens and wounded soldiers from Croatia were killed and buried in a mass-grave. In the upcoming pages you see some of the ruins, the mass-grave and the monument.

Also you see the people in needed circumstances and the joy in the Dutchies bringing the materials. Goods were ranging from sowing machines with rolls of cotton, linen, clothing, new and second-hand, food, tinned and potted, and a shoebox with toys from Dutch local schools who collected this for the children of Vukovar.

Walter van Abswoude, a volunteer for Humaned, managed to collect several hundreds of chairs for use in the Cathedral, the church which had so much damage done to it. The photo's show that there are several kinds of chairs in multitudes on the premises.



The moument near the massgrave.







after hard work up to the local restaurant for a regional dish



Ruud van der Bosch one of the loyal volunteers from Humaned



An aerial photograph of a village in Bosnia, showing several houses with red-tiled roofs and a dirt road. The village is surrounded by green hills and mountains in the background. The sky is overcast.

A sidestep

1992 - towards Bosnia

As a Dutch driver drives all the way to Croatia, he and his co-driver want adventure to the max. So trips to Bosnia and Sebrenica were arranged. By now Sebrenica must be the most helped place on earth.

We have a Dutch volunteer with us who used to be a soldier there, while the war was on. It is very emotional, but also very informing.

The organization which received us there was Sara. A Bosnian man, Zarin, who lived for a long time in the Netherlands, is in charge. He shows us around, make sure that goods get evenly distributed. Everybody helps to get all the materials in the new school building. The roads are very small and very allwheeldrive road-worthy. Wandering through the hills we meet a few Hummers. American soldiers, armed to the hilt, make room in the sides, so we can pass through.



12 In the hills in Bosnia was much fighting. Now much help is needed



Cees Homans and Pieter persuad the forces to go out of the way



Three cars, Gerard Holtman, Peter Huisman and the author's



After using the toilet, they locals showed me the proper toilet in the new house. There was a lot of amusement off course, the old outhouse toilet was a relic.



some bridges have to be inspected first.

why ?

Once we met the Duvnjak's and their organization, we felt this was the right goal to support.

Within a short period the family decided to build a new centre on the same premises where a small ochre colored “Mickey Mouse” house used to be.

The volunteers of Humaned and before other charity organizations remember the angled floor. So much out of true that sleeping was nearly rolling to one side all the time.

There was no room for the collected goods and they had to be stored somewhere else. Anyhow, the new place got a face by placing the concrete and floors for the ground floor.



We visited some special places and met some special people.





Lovely faces, touching feelings and showing living is the issue and that what happening.







**EEN HULPVERLENER PAKT SPEELGOED UIT
IN HET ZIEKENHUIS OP DE KINDERAFDELING**



Places where we slept in Croatia, Bosnia, Germany, Austria, Slovenia and of course the scenery we underwent while driving. Sometimes rain, sometimes a lot of rain, snow, sometimes a lot of snow.

The cars and means of transport were seldom the same. The good feelings and joy together were always the same.

No snow too high could stop us. Although the borders were closed due to snow... the first to escape the border and customs were the Humaned vehicles.

Because of the delay we even undertook the feat to overhaul the snow shovels on the Croatian motorway.

In the cars we have small radio's, so we can talk to each other if necessary and in case a joke needs more laughs. Mingles of people and places. The photo's speak for themselves.



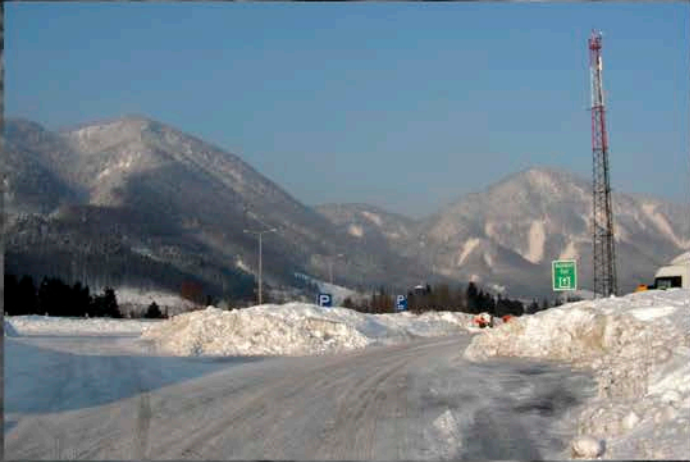
rosenhof where we slept so often on the journeys. (the beds and linnen where like sandpaper)





humaned 2006 januari

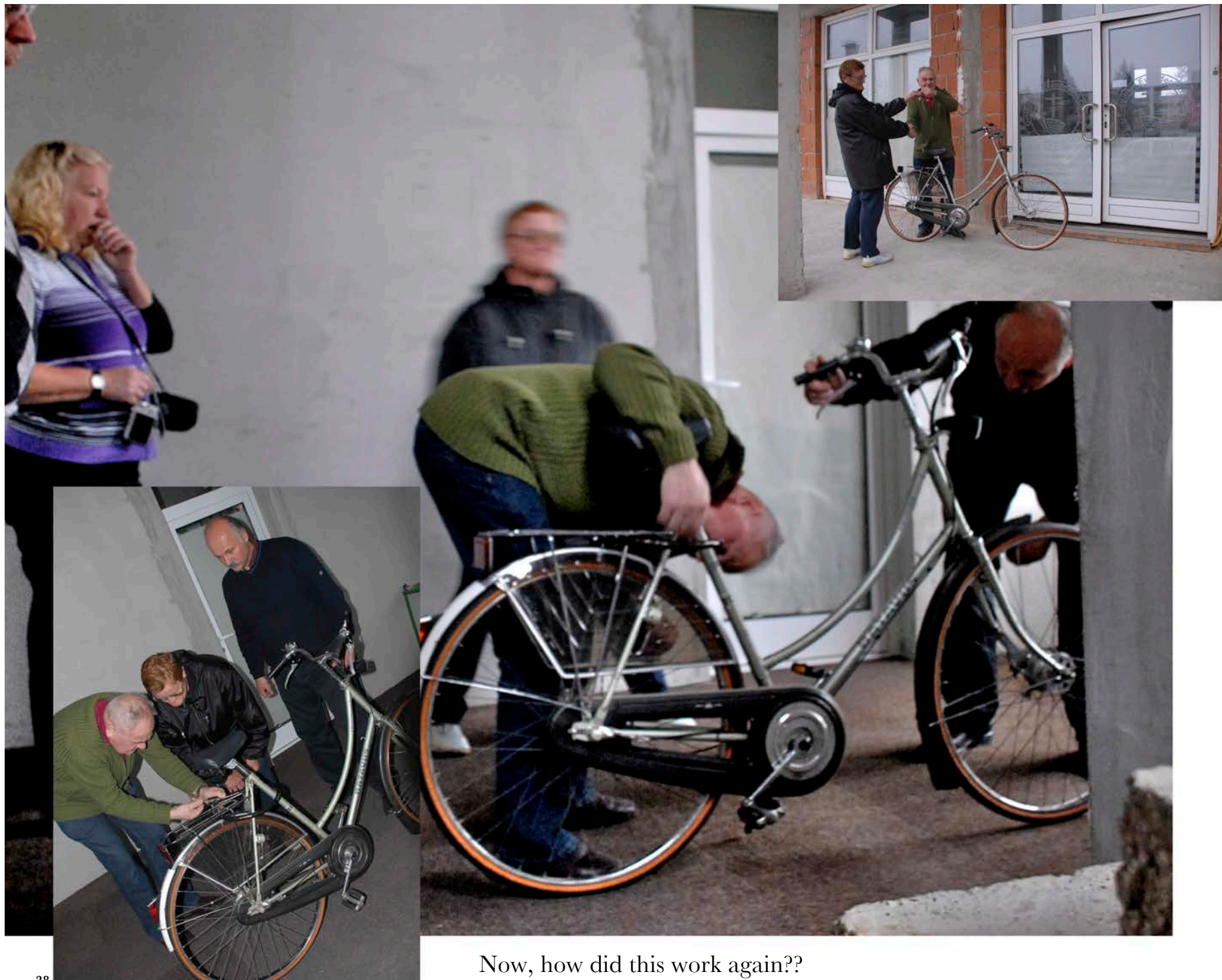
Another freezing and trip with so much to remember





many different trucks all the time





Now, how did this work again??

By now the centre was able to receive more and more materials. Money was also needed all the time. Very many thanks to the foundation Promotie in Broek op Langedijk is appropriate.

They saw the need in Slavonski Brod and substantial amounts of support were given on a regular base over many years. Even now gifts from them find their way to the poor and disabled children at last Easter celebrations.

Promotion also funded the nice blue children's bibles for the local community. They are now a familiar site in Slavonski Brod.

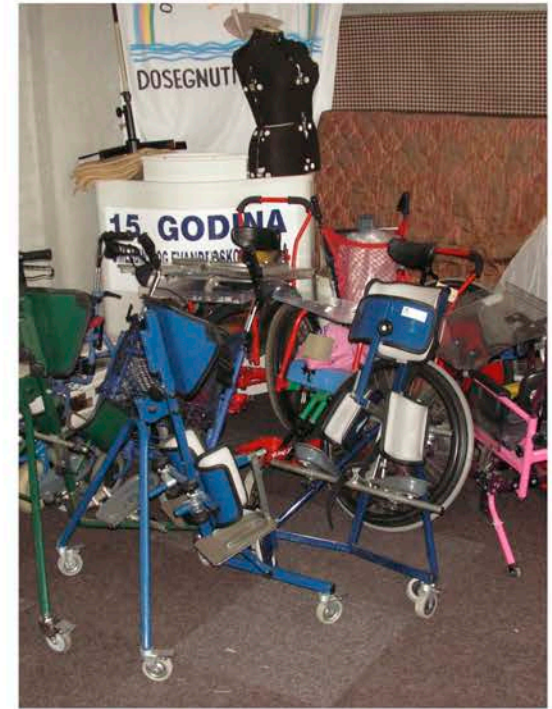


the centre is far from finished, but the goods keep coming and so are we.

Over the years different receivers of the goods came into view: the dorm, the hospital, the orphanage, the Roma and others. Even some in Bosnia, just across the river.

We will show you some of the goods, locations and the always friendly people.





places and people, hospital, dorm, bosnia



the bull called Bill



the housing was awfull



the many discussions



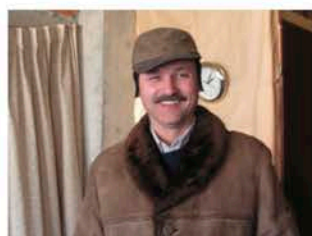
the many bibles



Leo Tiggers chames us all



Walter and Arie two heavyweights



Show the merchandise



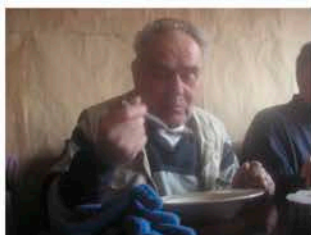
visiting the farm, hmm



some daring dances



The son in law from of Walter v. Abswoude likes a joke



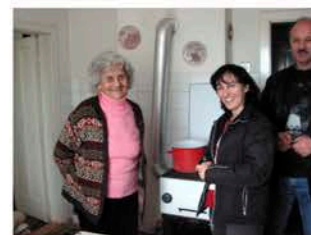
The specialty " soup "



boxes in all sizes



clothing in all sizes



old friends in need



O yeah, sometimes its hard!



now where did i see the brown t-shirt again ?



always happy



fast little hands



Zdravko handouts bibles



waiting for their hair to grow



all smallones on celebrations day.



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a lot of materials for the elderly



doors are looking fine now



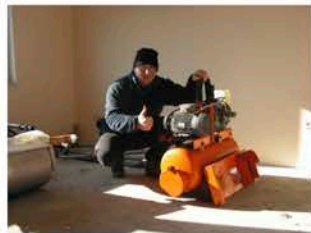
what else is there?



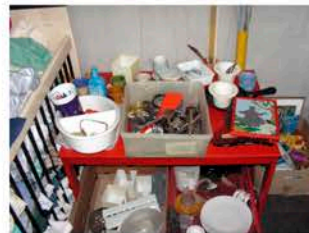
shoes in all sizes



still some left



farmer with milkingmachine



bits and pieces



food in abundance



boxes also



There is some food around (soon)









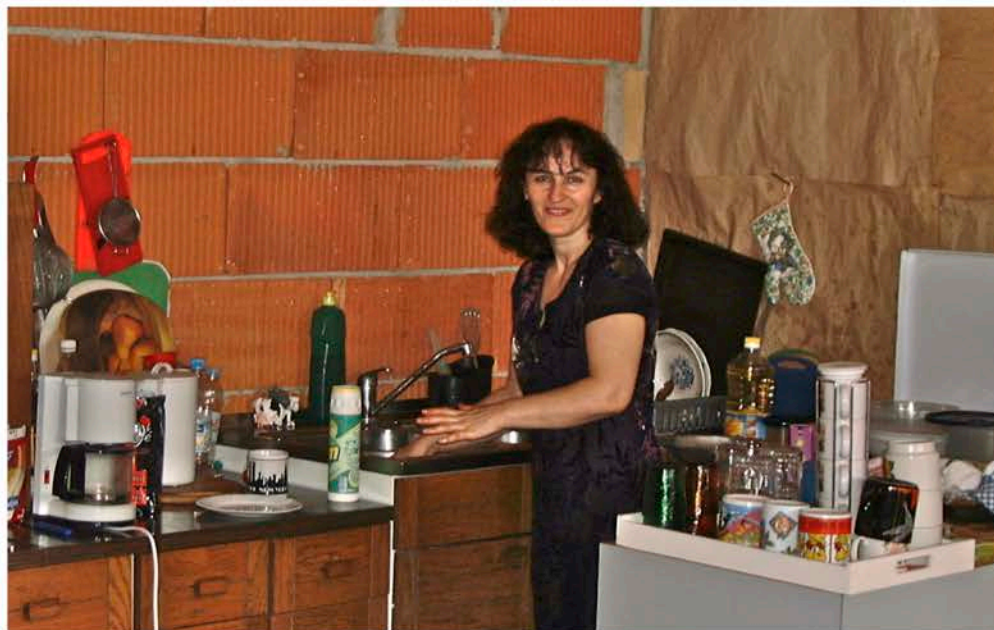
The preparations for a heavy transport.
The stable centre of the Humaneds board start filling the goods. The goods are sorted by the ladies and the menfolk carry them in or on to the trucks as ordered.
Hans Uitdenbogerd's mother in law has a very large barn or menagerie for horses. As there are no horses anymore we can use the place for stalling the goods.
Its dry and fun to fill the trucks in one afternoon. Bread rolls, coffee, thee and sweets get us through the hard work. Jokes are always a firm part of the loading as the photo's show. Hans Mother in law eventually comes along for one journey to Croatia.



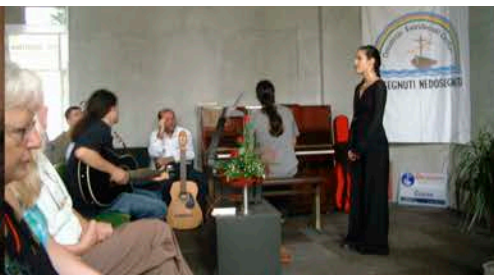
Walter van Abswoude, Marina Molenaar, Gerard and Greet Holtman, Harma and Arie Baak and Hans Uitdenbogerd



Then the celebration came up as I remember 15 August, 2005: a collection of happenings, joy and moments with tears, all were there. Family from abroad: America, Germany, Austria. Friends and former people who were helped by the centre, they were there. Singing, praying and not to forget a nice eating after the ceremonies. As the Duvnjak family is musical inclined, there were some touching and dynamic songs produced. Lilijan produced as usual the most fantastic food in a kitchen which was not finished yet. But that was a worry which on some later years was a new project: "Lets finish the first floor".



the start of the celebrations



An ambitious plan was made to build a dorm for elderly and disabled people. We saw the premises for the first time when it was cold. We show you the nice old place under a blue sky.

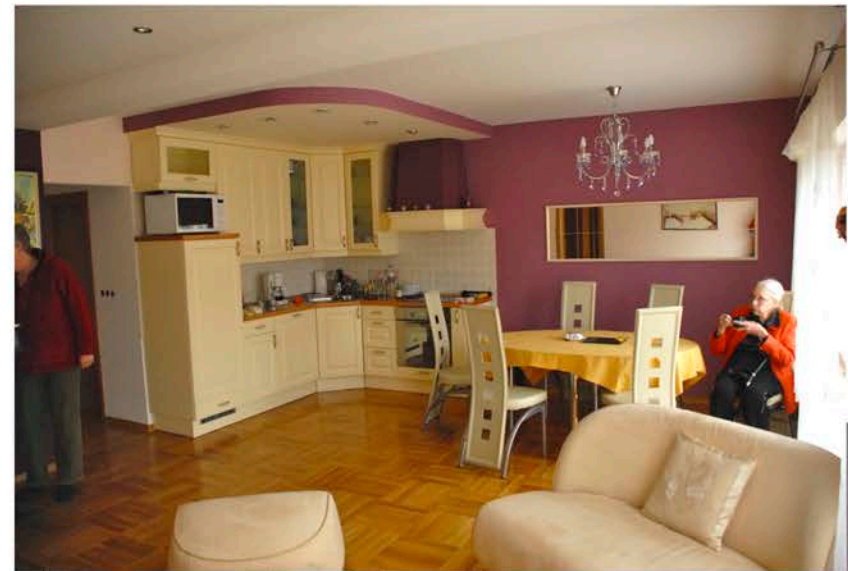






The last trips:

In the last years the centre was becoming more finished. we had the use of a large barn from the mother from Hans his partner Thea in use several years. The mother of Thea decided to come along for onetime. She is slightly handicapped with two new hips, so she walks on crutches. Nothing would stop here so she came along. The nice thing was that the kitchen on the first floor was finished. We ware glad with the result. we show you some of the pictures of the trip where " Oma" was present.







Oma was dragged al over the place.





We started to visit several families in Slavonski Brod and just outside. From jackets to food parcels.







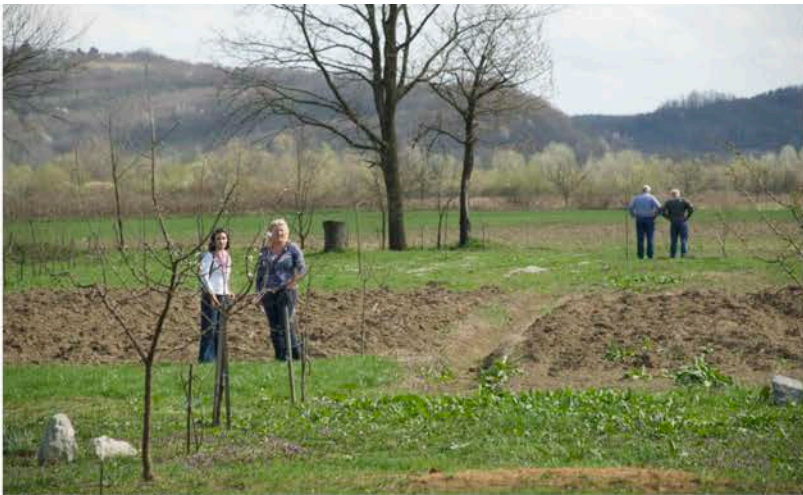
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We have a small visit to Slavonski Brod. we have to get the eastergifts to the people who need it. In the mean time we make sure to get some nice eastergifts to children in schools who never got presents like this. those kids will be the volunteers in the future for Three Angela.

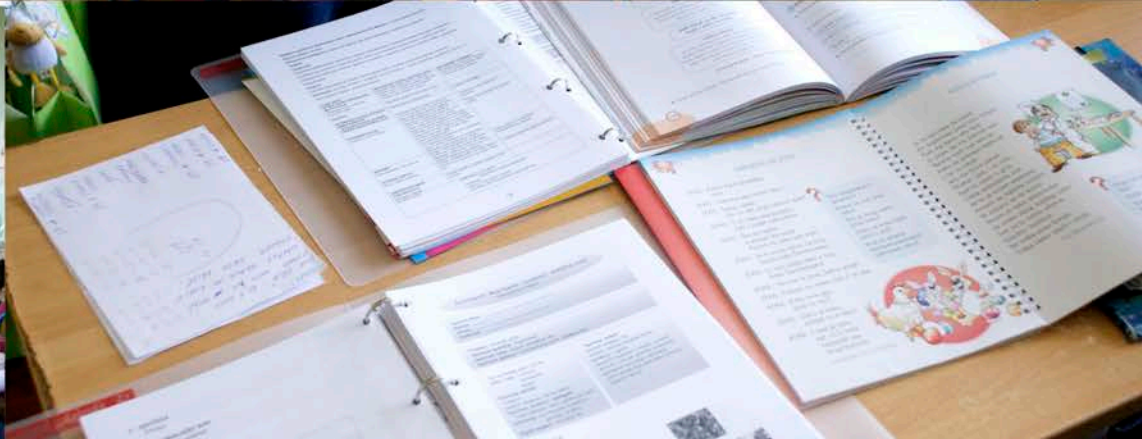
We visit some poor people in the country. We get to see some schools, where the kids faces give you the right feeling, that our efforts were not for nothing.



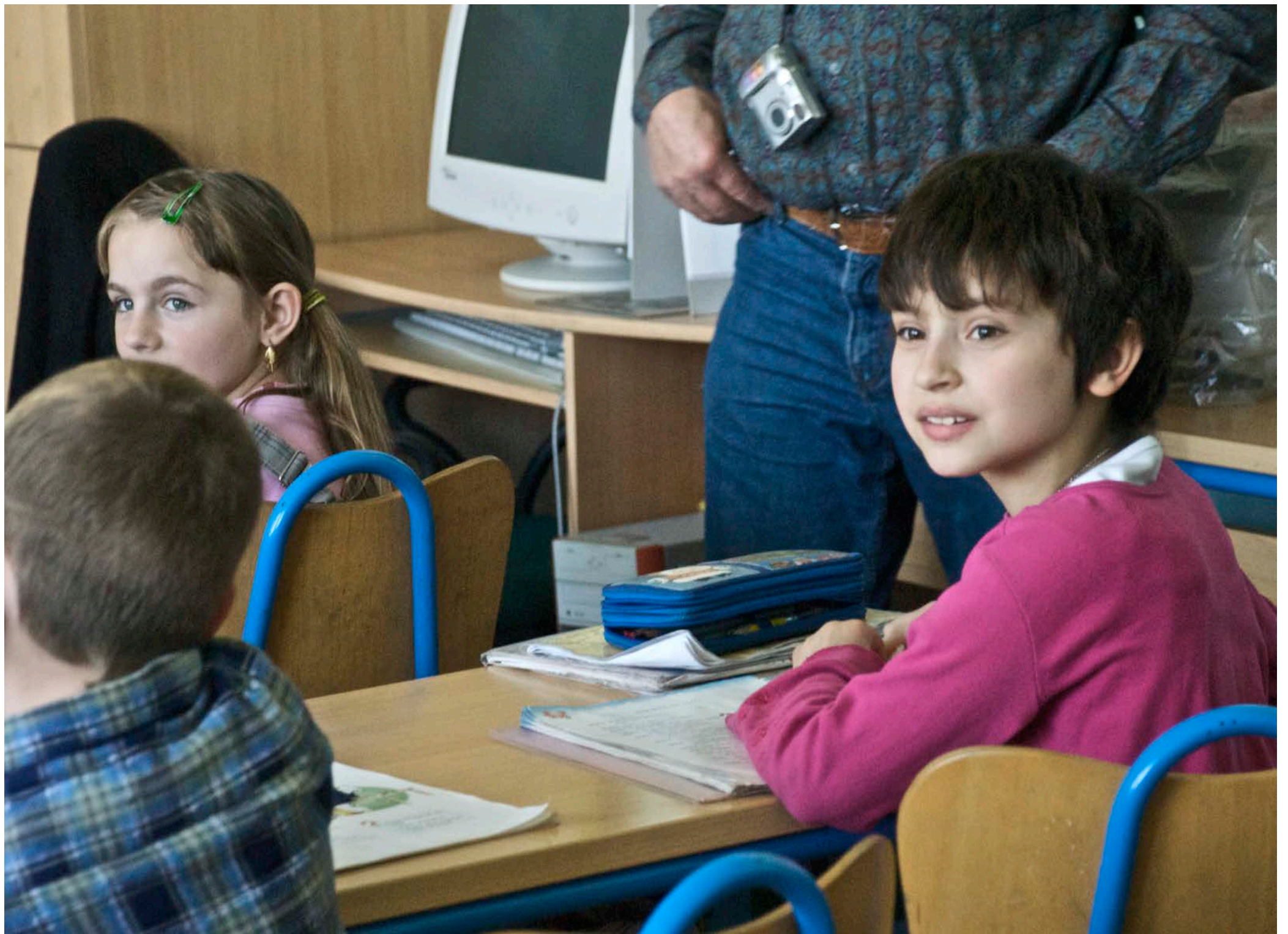




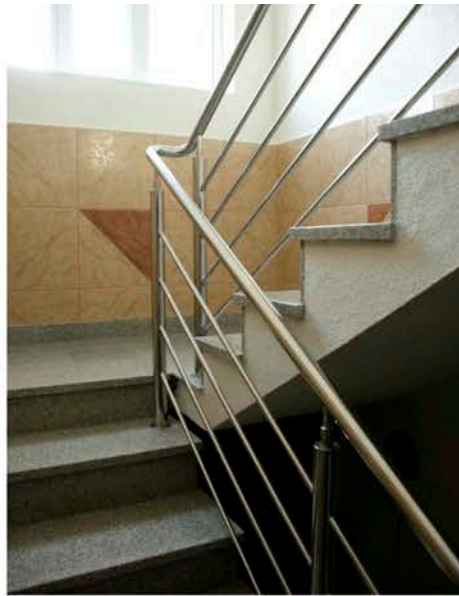
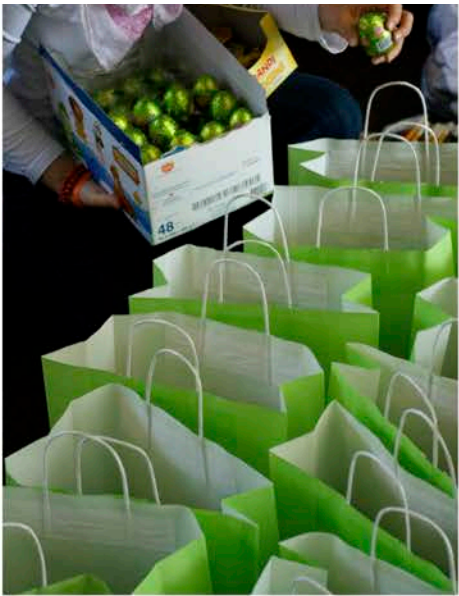
a new project: We get to see it and wonder.
We admire the spirit to make things grow.
On the land and in the head.





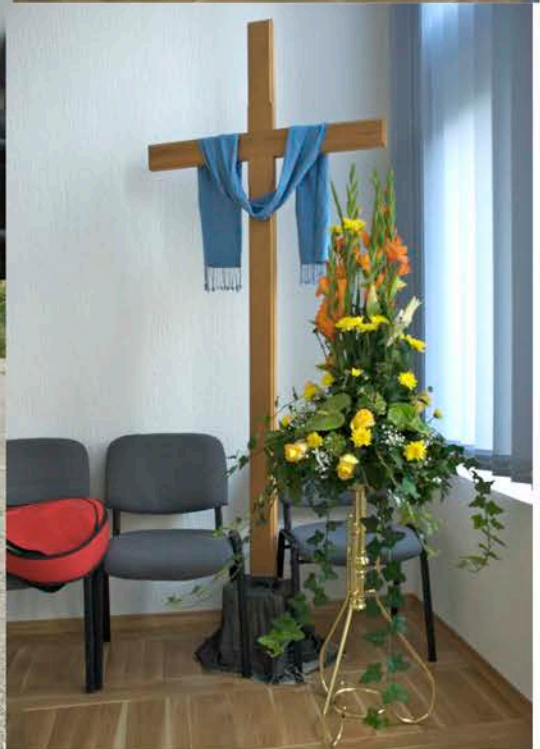




























10 years work for humaned a celebration is needed

20 years of existence for " tree Angela and 10 for Humaned.

On a sunny day we get together for a celebration where we look back what has been done and look forward to what is coming.

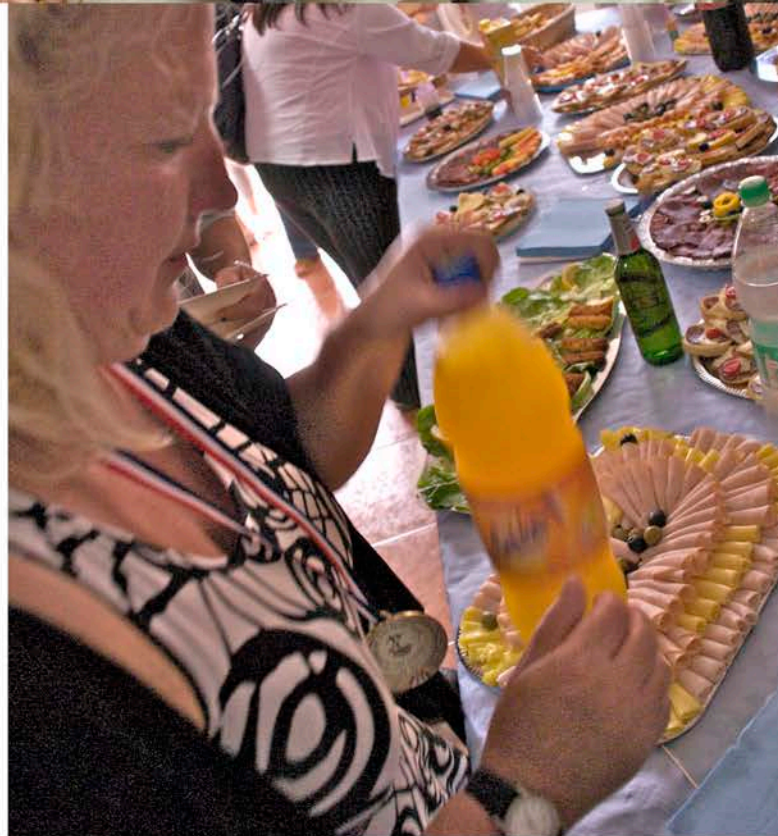
We do this in the church hall in the centre. For the first time de big space looks like a church. Without the beds, the mountains of clothing, shoes and so on.

We listen to some good singing and beautiful things are been said to a lot of people who made the growth of the centre possible.

We give a present in the form of a photo-book in which al the efforts are made visible. In the late afternoon we can discard our suits and dresses and get back in to the jeans. Still some work to be done. We look back to a fantastic week in which we enjoyed the company of people we did a lot of good work with in many years and they have grown into friends.



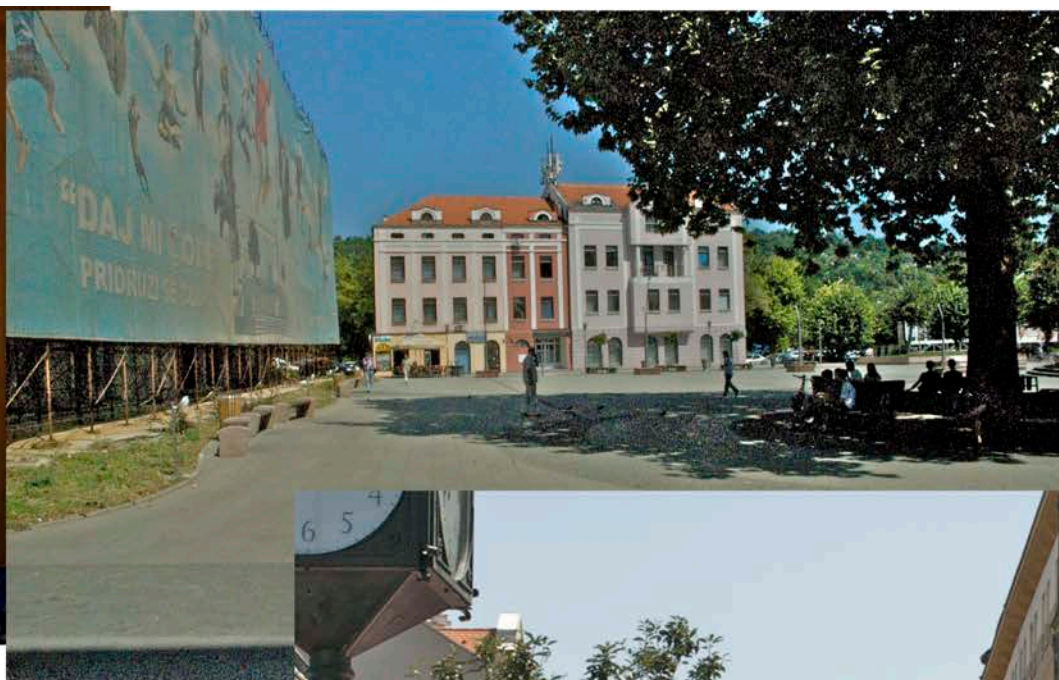












Humaned is grateful to a lot of people who made our work possible.

Some of the volunteers should be decorated by the queen, but most of the time the results of our help was the reward.

Were we younger, we could possible go on giving help. As it is now, we have to be careful with our resources.

This book will be completed by our last trip with goods in august 2010. There will be celebrations and the photo's from this will be included in the final version.

Remains to say: We wish the Three Angela and their connections all the best. We from our side will continue our interest, love and in the future maybe a restart with new volunteers from Humaned if they are found.

Greetings.

Hans Uitdenbogerd.

