

Join the
ELIJAH Prophet School!


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ELIJAH – who are we?

ELIJAH is building a future for the outcasts of society. Many Roma in Transylvania suffer from poverty and neglect. They sorely need support from social workers. But they need more than just social work: They need hope through education and training, dignity in the community, self-confidence through work, joy in music and in play.

This is what we fight for. We build a community.

ELIJAH's ravens

We take our name from the prophet ELIJAH. Elijah risked his life to help the poor and was forced to flee because he took a stand against injustice. He was saved by the ravens: „They brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening” (1 Kings 17). In Romania, „raven” is a term of abuse for Roma, for the despised.

Where is their place in Europe?





Back to school

Our Social Centres ease the path to school. There, children can wash themselves and do their homework in surroundings providing warmth and light. Even older children must still learn to read and write. There are games and sports activities. For those who want to progress further there are places in our student home in Sibiu.

You will tutor children, teach a language and learn another one. You will teach children sports.



A warm meal

Our children come from poor families. Most of them do not have enough to eat. The Social Centres provide healthy food: vegetables, milk, eggs, meat and bread from our own farms. Their families, too, are provided for.

You visit the families and bring them what they need. You make friends.

Together we make music

ELIJAH runs two music schools. We teach playing musical instruments, we teach song and dance. Musical talents create joy and self-confidence and awaken the ambition for learning.

You can teach a musical instrument, sing in the choir, play in the orchestra.

We learn hospitality

Stella Matutina is a school for home economics. Young women learn cooking, baking, setting the table, sewing, cleaning and catering for guests. We preserve vegetables for the winter, make jams.

You join work in the house and bring some recipes with you.





Work and training

ELIJAH's Building Yard runs a carpentry, a farm and a pottery workshop. We build homes. Dedicated master craftsmen demonstrate practical work, starting from basic skills like punctuality up to a well-structured working day. Young Roma learn a profession.

You join work in one of the workshops and can tutor young people.



A Prophet School

We learn with and from the Bible. Together, we read and seek paths for our social work. This is the prophet school. Like the prophet Elijah we want to take a stand against injustice and deal with problems. He risked much. We live with deprived persons and protect the weak.

You can become guardian to a child.

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Who is a prophet? Someone who breaks out in order to find himself and find God – and returns, transformed, to fight for justice.

At ELIJAH you will use your strengths, passions and talents to fight poverty.

Fr. Georg Sporschill SJ and Ruth Zenkert are open to new ideas. You can find your own path.

We offer

- an exciting project at the borders of Europe
- a task which will challenge you
- a community to support you
- living quarters and means of subsistence
- spiritual support for your quest
- practical training in social and youth work



We expect that

- you are looking for a Christian community with a simple lifestyle
- you will dedicate a full year of your time in order to be able to join fully in the community
- you will pass your talents on to others: music, dance, a craft, language, home economics, sports
- you will learn Romanian
- you are over 18 years of age
- you will organize your own insurance cover and your journey to Sibiu. We will pick you up from there.

If you want to help us make a difference in this difficult world, write to us. You can download the application form at www.elijah.ro/en.

Fill it in and send it to ruth.zenkert@elijah.ro and we will agree what comes next.

Maybe a trial week in Romania will help you decide?

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