

## Activity Report 2018

From **10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018** the president of STUDY-HELP, Mr Jos SALES, went with a delegation of sponsors to Romania.

First, they visited the students in Bucharest, where they went to see them in their students house and were able to learn about the smooth running of their studies. During the visit they kindly invited the students to dinner. The next day, they visited the "Day Center" and discussed with the officials about the proper functioning of the home.

Then they went to Brasov to meet the sponsored students and also invited them to dinner.

On the last day of their stay, they went to the St Iosif Home in Odorheiu and spoke with Sister Emilia. They inquired particularly about the development of the various sponsored students, as Sister Emilia and the other nuns of St Iosif Home continue to maintain close contact with all the sponsored students.

All travel and living expenses were of course borne by the members of the delegation themselves.

The board of directors of Study-Help, composed of its president Jos SALES, its vice-president Louis PHILIPPE, its treasurer Marc ELSEN and its secretary Antoine STOLTZ went to Romania on **22<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and stayed there until 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**. They were accompanied by Liz SALES, who wrote a report of the stay that can be consulted on the STUDY-HELP website.

Throughout their stay, the delegation was assisted by their permanent contact person on the spot, Mr. Catalin ALBU, who kept them informed of the follow-up of the operations and studies of the various sponsored students. As usual, all travel and subsistence expenses were borne by the members themselves.

The delegation started their stay in Bucharest where they met most of the sponsored students. Three new students have solemnly signed their sponsorship contracts. The administrators invited the students for dinner.

The delegation also visited the "Day Center" in Bucharest. They were warmly welcomed by the leaders of the home. A new catering contract was signed by STUDY-HELP for a period of three years, providing a daily balanced meal for children attending the home.

In Brasov, the delegation also met most of the sponsored students. Five new students have solemnly signed their sponsorship contracts. A dinner, also supported by the administrators on a personal basis, with current and former sponsored students followed. There were about fifty guests.

On the last day of their stay, the delegation travelled to St Iosif Home at Odorheiu where they were, as usual, warmly welcomed by the responsible nuns, who introduced them to prospective students (about twenty candidates) for the next year. The delegation promised to do their utmost to find sponsors to allow these candidates to enter higher education.

### **2018 in a nutshell**

9 new students were admitted to the sponsorship system. They all benefited from a professional psychological support ("student training") supported by STUDY-HELP in order to help them choosing their studies. The same is true for the new applicants of the following year.

45 students were being sponsored through STUDY-HELP.

20 new candidates aspire to start their higher studies next year.