



MOBILITY PROJECT STUDY VISIT REPORT



« CONCERT BY CHILDREN LIVING WITH DISABILITIES » MISKOLC – HUNGARY

- **Number of participants:** 4
- **Age of participants:** 54, 56, 71, 76 years
- **Country of origin:** Romania (Resita)
- **Date :** 23 to 27 May 2009



→ **Purpose of study visit:** To discover new ways of working for volunteers aged 50 and over, committed to assisting people with physical or mental disabilities. Procedures implemented to give these people, and especially children, greater involvement in the life of society through various educational activities. The Vincentian volunteers in Hungary have many years of experience in this field.

→ **Activities in which you took part:**



Meeting with volunteers from the Miskolc conference. Participation in a concert of classical music given by children with disabilities, playing a variety of instruments. Visit to a regional hospital which uses music as therapy for children living with disabilities. Participation in a working session on the activities of the conferences of Miskolc (Hungary) and Resita (Romania). Show & concert with the children from the hospital, which works closely with schools.

→ **What effect has this study voyage had on their voluntary work?**

First of all, within their own Conference, these four Vincentians will report to the other members on their exchange visit, on what they have learned from it. They also intend to write an article for the Vincentian magazine « Vitae Catolica Banatus » which will come out in September 2009, to describe their experiences in Hungary. This study trip will help them improve their own voluntary work at home, since they seem to be much more motivated. It has inspired them to try to organise their own concert with children affected by a disability. They plan to invite the members from Miskolc to help them carry out this new project in Resita. This will also continue the consolidation of the European network of Vincentian volunteers.

→ **Testimony...:**

« We remember the exemplary welcome of the volunteers we visited. We have also gained new, useful information for the work of the conference in Resita as well as for the other Conferences in Romania involved in this project. »