



## News from Albania – from Paulin and Luli

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God's love in action...

I hope you all had a blessed holiday time during the summer. The children's home was not running during the summer, because the children went to their home towns, to stay with their parents and relatives and came back in 1st of September.

### ELONA

Luli and I with our daughters, Iva and Paula, went to Italy in August to meet Elona and her mother. We were welcomed warmly by Elona's mother when we went to Bolzano, their home city in Italy. It was strange for us to meet Elona in another place. Anyway, we had a blessed time with them.

After our talk together, Elona's mother asked Luli and I to go out and we went out for a coffee to talk with her. It was strange to me to see her so friendly to us, because when Elona lived at the children home, we always had conflicts with her mother.

We sat down and she started to talk about her life. She was grown up in an orphanage under the communist regime in Tirana. She was 12 when she was first raped by the staff of the orphanage. In addition, she told us that the son of her step-father raped her and abused her as a prostitute in Italy.

Luli and I were shocked to hear this and that she was so opened to us. She told us that because of what she had gone through in her orphanage, she never believed her daughters would not undergo the same experience. She apologized for her behaviour in the past.

We insisted to know what had happened and what made her change her behaviour. She started to tell us that two months ago Elona had kidney problems and went to the hospital urgently. The doctors said she had crystals in the kidney. It was necessary to put a tube directly to the kidney to take off the crystals from there without any pain.

The doctor asked her mother to talk before this intervention. He asked her for Elona's age and she said Elona is 18 ½ years old. She was curious to know what he was talking about and why he was asking. The doctor told her that Elona is a virgin. She

was really surprised for that, because she always believed Elona was sexually abused. After that, she explained to the doctor that Elona was raised in a Christian Children's Home in Tirana.

Later that day, we met Elona's cousin that lives in the same town with her and she invited us to lunch. She was telling us she is surprised by Elona's education, her behaviour and the way she talks about God.

She lives with her sister there and they couldn't imagine that a children's home in Albania can take care of the children in such a wonderful way. Elona was really happy we were there and the "New Beginnings" children's home was very famous among her relatives. In fact, Luli, Iva and I were very happy about that.

That day, we contacted a Christian from Tirana that now is married to an Italian Christian man from Bolzano and introduced Elona to her. She will take Elona to her church.

**This is a victory we consider worthy for Elona's life. God is good, all the time.**

I would like for all of you, my dear friends, to pray for Elona's future. Her mother continues to have debates with Elona, because she constantly talks about the children's home, the staff and this makes the mother jealous.

This is the reason her mother went to the social worker in Bolzano to talk about this situation. The social worker told her that it is normal that Elona is affected to us, because she considers us as her parents. The miracle is that her mother accepts this reality and asked us to keep our contacts with Elona.

Please, pray for Dashmira too, because now that we saw the situation in Elona's home, we believe it will be a big blessing for her to join her family.

### XHULIO

I do not know how many of you remember Xhulio. Four years ago, he left the children's home and went to live with his mother who is married to a Greek man in Corinth.

He was part of the home since 1994 when Tony Treasure opened this children's home. We have heard news about Xhulio in these four years of his life. Sometimes, we have talked on the phone with him. After 4 years in Greece, he came for the first time to Albania at the beginning of September at the children's home to meet us and stay one night with the other children.

It was a blessing for us to see at home a grown up Xhulio, just like a real man. We were surprised with the way he was speaking to the children, the advice he was giving to them; to be grateful for being part of this children's home. It is such a big blessing when we see how God has used the "New Beginnings" children's home since 1994 to raise abandoned children under God's protection.

Our prayer is for every child in this children's home to have a successful life. We are convinced our Jesus Christ has destroyed Satan's plan for the life of these children, moving them from the curse of abandonment to the adoption of God.

- We pray that our work with these children will make the devil pay for every misery he has brought in their families, thus leaving the children without their parent's affection.
- We pray that when they grow up they will be a powerful weapon in God's hand to destroy Satan's plans for our nation.
- We believe all these things will happen one day.

Please join us in supporting this children's home by prayer and financial support. Mother Teresa (I believe you all know she is an Albanian) said once: *"You can't do what I do, I can't do what you do, but together we can do something good for Christ"*.

We can't do what you can do through your finances, but we can do what you cannot do: send them to other children in need to transform their lives.

Much love,  
Paulin & Luli Vilajeti