



News from Albania – from Paulin and Luli

(June 2008)

God's love in action...

Dear friends and supporters of the "New Beginnings" Children Home in Tirana.

We hope you all continue well and enjoy all the blessings of Almighty Father. We are all well and have just finished a successful school year. I am saying successful, because in the last three months all the children have improved their school results.

In May we welcomed a new arrival at the children's home. Her name is Tone. She is 6 years old and is Liza's younger sister.

I would like to give details of these girls family situation:

Their 65 year old father is disabled (he has only one hand) and their mother is paralyzed. They live in a cabin without electricity, because they can't pay their bills. It's very painful. Of all our children's families, this one is in the worst condition in terms of poverty and need.

Tone came to us from the Mother Teresa Children's home in Elbasan, (50 Km south of Tirana) where we discovered recently she has two younger sisters and a 9 month old brother. (see pictures). It's painful to see a family in such terrible condition, unable to keep their own children and take care of them. Father comes regularly to see Liza and Tone. He loves them and really misses them.

Last Sunday the children went to Vlores for a holiday by the sea. When Liza and Tone saw the sea for the first time in their life they were so surprised. They were amazed that the sea is so big.

We believe God will provide 3000 Euro for this period of time they will be on holiday.

You are wondering why I dwell on this family. This is an appeal.

Please, if God speaks to your heart, help the children financially and this family too.

Erioni

He is 14 years old. During the last few months he has been more committed in school than before and his behavior has improved and been a blessing for us. It seems he has realized he is blessed being part of the home. It is now much easier to talk to him if things are not going well. Please, pray for the shield of protection over him and for higher motivation in school next year. We encourage him to have good results at school, but he doesn't work too much for that.

Elona and Dashmira

Elona is 17 years old and her sister Dashmira will be 15 on 5th of July. For a year now we have been engaged in a legal process with their mother, who wants to take them to Italy where she has worked and lived for a long time. Their mother failed to get custody in the two processes so far and I believe we will have another court case this autumn. Should she lose that process, then there will likely be a further one in High Court of Tirana. If she loses that one too, then definitely she can't get the girls. The first two processes were held in Berat, the third one will be in Vlore (southern Albania).

As I have written in the last prayer letter my relationships with Elona and Dashmira were broken, because they were seeing me as their enemy for not giving permission for them to go to Italy with their mother. The last three months we have spent more time with them explaining that we are here to protect them and are not against

them. We have explained that at the process we will act in love, because we love them and want the best for them. Praise the Lord our relationships have changed and now the situation is getting better and better. Please pray that in these processes God's will to be done for the future of these girls.

Bujana and Eda

Bujana is 11 years old and now she is a "miss". Eda is 7 years old. They also are sisters.

We have been pleasantly surprised by the change in Eda's behavior. She seems transformed 100% and her harshness is lessening. I believe the arrival of Liza and Tone has given her two friends she can relate to and together with Kristjani and Kristjana they have become a small team that really gets on well. Eda has just finished the first year at school. It has been a battle to convince her of the need to do homework.

Bujana as always is quiet, but when she gets angry she's a bit of a tornado. Her temper is hard to get under control at times. Please pray for Bujana, because she is really messy and it is hard for her to be different. Thank the Lord for Eda and pray that the change in her behavior is permanent. Pray for Eda to be more committed to school work next year.

Kristjana and Kristjana

They are twins and are 6 years old. In October they will start school. Kristjana is already very keen on math. He is really good for his age. Hallelujah.

His passions are cars, bulldozers and trucks. Luli bought him a big truck and a tractor for his birthday and the



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children of the neighborhood come and play with him.

You can see the joy in his eyes when he plays with them. He is a blessing for us. Please pray for him to be successful not only in math, but in all subjects.

Kristjana is really special. I can say she is the quietest child we have at the home. She listens and behaves very well. She always seems to have a smile on her face. Pireta loves her and she loves Pireta too, but sometimes Pireta treats her as if she were a doll. Please pray for that, because it is not such a good thing.

Pireta

She is 14 years old. In the last letter I wrote about her stealing money from Ida's office. I can say she is completely changed. She has asked for help to get saved from this habit. Praise the Lord we don't have this problem any more.

In April we organized an exhibition of pictures she painted during the year. Many people came, not only from the church but also from the Adoption Committee, Social Work Ministry, the Director of her school and the design teacher. Everyone was surprised by her talent.

It was a great encouragement for her. Refreshments were provided for all the guests.

Please pray for Pireta, she is an extraordinary child. She has such potential, however when negative people are hurt, when positive people are blessed.

Joni

He is 15 years old. The last 6 months have been the most difficult time ever with him. He is a very big lad and he has been violent with the staff. His

behavior frightened the smaller children. In the end he was warned that the police would have to be involved if he repeated the violence and he would not be able to stay in the home. His brother was informed and he also was harsh on him and told him to be thankful to God of being part of this home and not on the street. His behavior has been fine for a month now and we hope this continues and we see improvements in other areas as well.

Joni has 2 brothers and two sisters. His sisters are to marry in August. His brothers, unfortunately for him, were recently sentenced to 10 years for drug related offences in Greece. The brother I met in Tirana 2 months ago and talked to about Joni is married and seemed a good guy, but the other one is single and is a curse for his family.

We don't know all the details, but Joni's spiritual situation is very sad and he needs prayers and much love in this period of time. Please, pray for God to use me as a way of comfort for Joni. Pray that God will show me the way to act in this difficult moment.

Resi

She is 16 years old. Things have changed for better in her life. She is the only child who has worked consistently in school this year and we are thankful to God for that. Her mother has come to see her after a year. Resi's behavior with her mother was much better than before.

Please pray and thank God for Resi for being such a wonderful child.

Staff Training

In May we also had Mike and Judy here. They were a big blessing for the children home, Judy conducted two

seminars in two different themes. The staff was blessed, because they learned many ways how to deal with the kids in different situations.

Finances

I would like for all of you to pray concerning the finances of the children home. This year prices have increased by 30-50 % and it is getting hard with the actual finances. This is an urgent request for the children's home. Also, please pray for God to provide 3000 Euro for the provision of a holiday break for the children this summer.

Love in Christ

Paulin & Luli Vilajeti

Postscript from George@Kingscare

We are still experiencing great problems sending adequate funding to this excellent project. If you can help towards meeting the deficit or help towards sending the children and staff on holiday, please send a cheque to Kingscare.

Another way of helping the children is to help us save money is by helping us to send this newsletter by email.

Please send an email to office@kingscare.org with a subject of "SUBSCRIBE ALBANIA".