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Helping the Handicapped



On my most recent visit to Albania I was asked to visit the Center of Development in Shkoder. There are 40 mentally handicapped residents who live in this facility, and 20 mentally handicapped children who live at home with their parents but come here on a daily basis for special care and activities designed especially for them. The Director of this Center is a lady I have known for a number of years who was a former director of the Pre-School Orphanage in Shkoder where Hope for the World has been working since 1994. She explained to me that they have a need to renovate a dilapidated greenhouse that is used by the group to grow many beautiful flowers to sell. They also learn to make pottery vases and flower pots in which to display the flowers. We have had some estimates made for this project, and it looks like we need to raise \$5,000 in order to do this project for them. We feel it is something very needed for these special children and Hope for the World wants to do it for them. If you can help with this project, please be sure to just label your check as "Handicapped" and we will be sure to put it towards this urgent need. We plan to progress soon.

Existing structure unstable and unusable



**\$5,000
Needed...**

Old greenhouse to be repaired.

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capped.....
Reaching Beyond**



Spring has Sprung!



Diamant

Missionary Chris Harth introduces the Tag Center boys to their very first lawnmower and weed eater. Since Hope for the World has complete responsibility for these young teenagers, we make it a part of their training to help them learn to care for the property surrounding the Tag Center and the Tirana Orphanage.

We are sure that the lawns are looking great with all of this TLC by these guys!

Thanks Chris for all your hard work there in Tirana.

Chris and his family have been on the field since August of last year.



Chris and Klaudio

FAQ'S

I am a new sponsor and I would like to know if it is OK for me to send gifts through the mail to my child.

Yes, you may do this, but you need to be careful and not send gifts too often because it can make the other children feel like maybe they are not loved quite as much as your child. Because, believe it or not, many sponsors do not communicate with their child very well, by letters or by sending family photos, etc. They really love to hear from you, so maybe you could make it a rule at home to have one member of the family write a letter and send a photo to your child once a month. Then, when it comes to sending a gift, wait for special occasions to do that. Your birthday gifts should be done through our office. Send the \$20 here and let us send it over there for our staff to buy for them and with them—something they really would like. Remember this, just hearing from you is a wonderful gift of LOVE!!!! Address all packages to: Hope for the World—KP 2918—Tirana, Albania. (Put child's name & orphanage on package too)



Recently the Tag Center was honored by a visit from some very distinguished ladies from the American Embassy. They were able to share with them about the work of Hope for the World in the lives of the teen-agers and our desire to give them a Hope for the Future. The visit was hosted by our in-country Albanian President, Perparim Demcellari, and American Missionary Director Chris Harth and wife, Amy. Other Albanian HFTW Staff members, Anila, Margarita, Ervehe and Shana were also a great help in giving a warm welcome to these special guests.

New Born Christians!

We were so happy to receive word from Amy Harth telling us that five of the children had stayed after Bible Class because they wanted to know how they could personally know God. They had been teaching for weeks about the life of Christ and what He did for all of us in order that we could have eternal life. She was so blessed to answer their questions and lead them to Christ after the class had been dismissed (which showed that they really meant business). They are holding up a specially prepared "Birth Certificate" indicating their new birth in Christ! We are so happy to see the spiritual progress in all of our orphanages in Albania.



The names of the children who accepted Christ are, Left to right.....
Xhoana, Ameljet, Fatjon, Arsed and Kujtim.
They also received a nice new Bible and Fatjon was proud that he had read 9 chapters.

Gideon's 300

This past month I have had some gifts of \$1,000 sent in without any mention as to whether it was for the Gideon's Army fund for our Teen-Agers Hope for the Future Center we want to build in Albania. I have had only one that was definitely noted as part of Gideon's Army. Please, be specific if you are sending your money to be included in this special project for the teens. If not, it will go into our General Fund to take care of many, many other on-going needs and projects at the 8 orphan homes and the Threshold of Hope ministry to the elderly. With the count having been 271 last month, it brings us to a need for 270 more recruits in Gideon's Army. Pray for Roger and some of the Hope for the Future Board Members as they visit Albania this month in regard to this project.

June Birthdays.....Suggested gift \$20—just include it with your sponsorship check.....
 Check the list to see if your child is having a birthday in June.

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| Brilenda Shkalla | Elderly: |
| Edisa Hoxhallari | |
| Eltion Ndoi | Nebie Plaku |
| Emiliano Gorovelli | Rushit Poka |
| Fabian Behaj | |
| Klajdi Nazlasi | |
| Kristo Muci | |
| Lubiana Marku | |
| Lule Gjori | |
| Marina Mucaj | |
| Martin Preka | |
| Olsi Qejvani | |
| Paloma Lekacaj | |
| Sefedin Marku | |
| Shpend Kollaku | |
| Sidorela Legata | |
| Stiven Isa | |
| Valmir Preka | |



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