

Newsletter

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Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. Isaiah 1:17



The New Year

The new year is coming and it is a time when people pray to God for a new beginning. Eagle's Wings wants to go forward with new plans and new partnerships with churches and Christian organizations who share the common vision and advocate for the common cause.

We believe that it is God's will for the church to seek his justice to protect orphans and widows. EW will be sharing its cause among church leaders to build new partnership and to create synergy.

We will be trusting God for finances in order to continue to take care of girls in our home and why not, if God will provide abundantly for our foundation we could open a new home.

We will approach to involve Christian volunteers as well in our ministry to give them the chance to serve youth at risk and to maintain low costs.



PRAY

1-Pray for the new girls so they can feel comfortable with the home and with the staff.

2-Pray for new revenues (finances) from Albania and from abroad so we can cover expenses.

3-Pray for the process of admission of new girl/s in home.

PRAISE

1-Praise the Lord for a successful staffing process with our faithful and committed new staff.

2-Praise the Lord for admission of the new girls in EW's home

3 -Praise the Lord for all of the people who have supported us with prayers and gifts.

This is the season of joy and celebration!

Why should we include a verse from Isaiah in this Christmas season? First of all, the message of Christmas is to give. God gave the most precious gift for us, his only begotten Son. If we try to see beyond the routine we will recognize the big need of vulnerable people especially children. Our call is to seek justice, God's justice which is to defend the oppressed by helping orphans.... Four days ago a homeless young woman in Durres (the second biggest city) who has been living under a bridge found out that her one month old baby died due to cold weather. She was expelled from the house by her husband because she has refused to abort the baby. So, she ended up begging for making the living and if someone was aware of their situation, the baby could have been alive today. There is so much to be done yet for saving vulnerable children and women!

In John 10:10 we read; "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the fullness" We, as Christians, have the same call from Jesus; to help people live life in all its fullness.

EW is called to find youth (orphans, vulnerable children) at risk and to provide a safe environment for them through group home model. We do not like to be limited only in taking care for girls at our home but we want to extend our service through partnerships, networking, delivering trainings and sharing our vision with different stakeholders. I would like to share a specific intervention. Eagle's Wings facilitated a process of reconciliation between a girl who had left her home and her parents. State Social Service addressed her to our home. We interviewed the girl and her parents as well (according to our regulations) and we assessed the situation and decided that it was better for her to go back to her family considering that she has a normal family (she only had a few problems). Majlinda returned home and another organization is monitoring her and her family to check if her parents will respect her rights. In collaboration with State Social Service we added two new girls at our home. Ruth and Sara are 13 years old and both come from very poor families. Actually they have only their mothers and do not even know their fathers. Ruth and Sara have been living with their families in a room of 9 square meters. Believe it or not but Sara's teacher told us that she improved her communication and has shown improved relationships with her classmates, even though she has been with us at home for one month only. Both of the girls are attending the local church and we are sure that they are a good soil to work with. They are showing willingness to be disconnected with all the old relationships with persons who could harm them. The girls are thankful that they are living in a better home and in a better family environment.



GOD CAN ...

We have a new Albanian Board member. Genci is pastoring one of the churches in Tirana (Church of Grace). We shared with him about our ministry and he committed himself to add his efforts. His church has a ministry of medical center which is helping our girls for free on medical checkups. Now EW has two Albanian board members and we appreciate their commitment to raise awareness among the churches and businesses as well for our cause and mission. We are encouraged about the support of some churches in different ways but we are looking to increase their involvement. Of course that we will approach some of the churches whose vision is to help vulnerable categories especially children and youth. We will be doing the same with Christian organizations in Albania. Please continue to pray for our work with churches and Christian organizations.

Merry Christmas in the Eagle's Wings way :)

Christ is the real reason for celebration!

We are trying to show His love for the girls in home in different ways.

We are preparing shoe boxes gifts in collaboration with some churches in Tirana.

Our staff is preparing the girls for the Christmas celebration in home by teaching them how to cook good foods and how to decorate the Christmas tree.

Our girls will be part of the show which will be carried out by the Christian youth group of the church where they attend during Christmas celebration.

We are arranging the visits to their relatives as well during Christmas and the new year celebrations.

Merry Christmas from REBECA, RUTH, SARA and the STAF of Eagle's Wings

- ◇ We want to thank some churches in Tirana for helping us with different gifts for the girls and for the foundation!
- ◇ We are blessed with the current staff who are faithful and committed to do their best.



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