



EAGLE'S WINGS

Newsletter

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Merry Christmas

A vulnerable Child

2016 years ago, a young couple went to Bet'lehem, with the hope to find a place where they could spend the night, a place where they can rest after a long and tiring trip. In Israel at the time there were rules and laws regarding hospitality to strangers, especially when it comes to women and children, and even more for a pregnant woman who is about to give birth to her baby. But there was no place found for them besides a barn. What about today? Actually even after about 2000 years, in this world you find; callousness, disregard, insensitivity to the needs of the neighbor. Still today many babies do not have a place to be born and to be raised up normally surrounded by the love of their parents and even worse there are many children abandoned by their parents. Unfortunately there are still many children who are looking for a place, a refuge, a shelter all over the world. Christmas Eve reminds us to be aware of God's most precious gift and to be sensible of our "neighbor's need

Praising God

- For giving us guidance and wisdom in every step, challenge and decision we had to make.
- Our home is full of beneficiaries and to them were given the opportunity to change their lives.
- Our image as an organization is improved significantly in the eyes of social services and other stakeholder we collaborate with.
- For sufficient finances until the end of 2016 thanks to our faithful friends

Pray with us

- That the home for 2017 will operate at her full capacity and finances will not be an issue.
- For opening the second home in 2017. Pray for additional finances for us to be led by God for all that process.
- For the spiritual growth of the girls so that the enemy will not be able to continue to destroy their lives and to bring them in the relation with Jesus the Lord.

Our home, our hope!

2016 ,what a special year! We have progressed and we have taken steps back, we have had victories and we have faced difficulties, but as we reflect at the end of this year, we have not stopped to "talk" with discouragement nor with disappointment but have been working hard and hopping and prying to God for our broken children . "ask God from the wealth of his glory to give you power through his Spirit to be strong in your inner selves." (Ephesians 3:16)"

We are thankful for the grace and mercy that God gave in the course of the year. 6 girls (7, including Sara which left in January 2016) have been receiving our service to date, by collaborating with municipality and the state social services. Currently we have 5 girls (1 over the capacity of apartment).

Rebeca is one of the girls we are proud of. After three years she is now positively changed. The progress of the last months was obvious in searching, getting and keeping of the job, which is her main step toward the independent life. She earned the favor of the employer and of the colleagues at her workplace and we can see that she is positive and cooperative even in home. Now we fully trust her while she goes to work and comes back home. In the coming months we will work on the plan of preparing her to live her independent life.

Elizabeth came in our home from a very desperate life 8 months ago . She became orphan since when she was three months old. What gives us encouragement is the noticeable changes she experienced after the work of the staff with her. She values work, is hard-working, accurate and punctual and she managed to keep her job in the midst of recent job dismissals in the business she works. She has been strongly challenged to work with herself in the fields she considered "unchangeable". For years, Elizabeth didn't had any contact with any member of her family, but with our help she has been able to find her younger sister, which is adopted by an American couple. This event has been a source of great joy for her.

By the end of July, two sisters, Tamara (17 years old) and Deborah (15 years old) were added to our home. They came from a difficult violent family situation, from physical and sexual abuse from their father. After denouncing their father to the police, the court decided that protection order was mandatory for the girls and the social service decided for them not to turn in their home temporarily. For 6 months we have been working hard in different areas; with the girls, their family, their school and social services. We were able to register them in school (for two years Tamara was out of the education system) and the girls have attended the school regularly. We have been challenged by girls' habits and the resistance to change but then step by step they showed willingness to submit themselves to our program.

Teresa is the most recent resident of the home. Since October 2016, she has been transferred to us from the state orphanage. Because she is 17 years old, the orphanage could not offer her further services, even for lack of staff and finances to provide her with education, training courses or later to help her to find employment. Furthermore, the lack of monitoring staff, puts her in great risk. The first weeks were challenging for Teresa and for us, because she found it difficult to adapt to the new environment and family style, due to the fact that she was used to live in the midst of 30 children for 3 years with more space and more "freedom". She is a social orphan and also she lost her father two months ago. Her mother lives in extreme poverty conditions and after the divorce with Teresa's father, she remarried and divorced again, but now she is still alone with three more children. In the culture of Roma community, when a girls reaches 13 years old, she must consider marriage. This was another reason for Teresa's first hesitation. Now that she knows us better, she feels more comfortable and optimistic for her future in our home. She plays an active part in our daily routine. We are drafting a treatment plan for her so to start a professional training course or employing activity, considering that she does not like to attend high school. Teresa likes to be trained and to work as a hairdresser. We will work with other actors to help her in this objective, alongside equipping her with different life skills.

Ruth has been living in our home for 9 months and after her step father got a regular job, she went back at her biological family, though we strongly suggested her to stay in our home to attend the school and to be equipped with life skills and vocational trainings.

It is the time to pray and plan for opening a new home because there are still many vulnerable youth who need help. Matthew 9:37