

A little help-
a big
difference

Support for Kids Org.

First Newsletter

Volume 1, Issue 1

October 2009

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Beginning of a great cause	1-2
Letter from the founder	1
Kids get shoes	3
Georgia up-close	4
About us	4

Beginning of a Great Cause

It all started in March 2009. I was in Georgia (my native country) when I decided that I was ready to do one thing that I had avoided for a very long time — visit a local orphanage.

As you all know, the orphanages are not the happiest places to visit regardless of their condition and our attachment to kids. You don't know what to expect, you're apprehensive to face these kids, you don't want to look in their eyes, you're afraid of becoming attached to them.

At this point in my life I realized, that I needed to overcome that fear, break that protective shield I had built around me and have enough courage to face these little people who are unfortunate enough to be outsiders and alone.

I was not expecting to see much comfort or cozy atmosphere;

I thought that I was prepared to enter their world of reality. But I was wrong. The conditions they are living in just emphasize even more how horrible their lives are, - no heat, no running water, no electricity, the buildings are so deteriorated with leaky ceilings and cracks, that it is hardly safe to be inside these structures.



One of the orphanage buildings

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- How it's all started
- Why are we doing this
- Success story
- Legends and facts from the history

Letter from the founder

Dear readers and supporters,

This is the first issue of a newsletter of our Support For Kids Organization.

We will try to bring you updates every month about our organization, what has been done, our projects, our success stories and our

future plans. Since it is the first newsletter I've ever written, I hope you will not be too critical.

Happy and Spooky Halloween!

Sincerely,

Ani Mdivani-Morrow

Beginning of a Great Cause

Continue from page 1

The conditions were terrible, but the most depressing was to see and to feel the pain in the eyes of these kids, pain that they are forgotten, to see that they are ashamed of being here and they are trying to cover this embarrassment by welcoming me at their world of sadness and entertain me with singing and dancing.



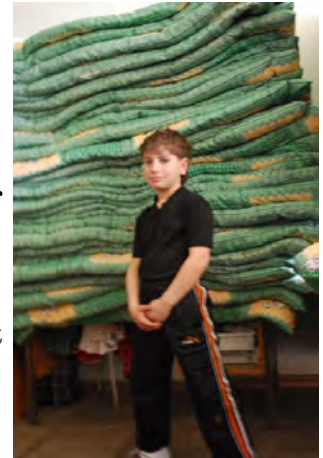
After visiting 10 other state orphanages and nights of crying, it was clear to me that I could not avoid them any longer, I could not ignore their existence and decided to help these kids, help all of them and help as soon as possible. I realized that I needed to take one step at a time.



One orphanage desperately needed mattresses, the kids were sleeping on the broken pieces of cardboards. This first step was made along with pillows, blankets and new sheets for 44 kids.

The second step was to get a hot water heater to another orphanage and this also was accomplished while I still was in Georgia this March.

After returning to USA, I decided to continue this help and to do whatever it takes to make their life a little bit better.



With a little help we can make a big difference.



Support For Kids Organization was born and I plan to continue it's mission with your generous support.

Ani Mdivani-Morrow, Founder

One orphanage got mattresses, pillows, blankets and sheet sets for 44 kids
The other orphanage got a new hot water heater

Kids got shoes

In June 2009, Mike decided to join me on the trip to Georgia and see first hand what I was talking about.

We revisited some of the orphanages from my first trip in March and since we had a car (Mike was a brave driver) we decided to see the other orphanages in the remote areas.

We drove about 200 miles (not a US highway road) to one of them and the first thing we saw had more resemblance to a battlefield fort than a house for the kids.



We were not sure that we were at the right place.

The next thing we saw was a group of 4 girls washing their hair in a creek. It was typical June-gloom day with a cold drizzle and because of a high elevation it was very chilly.



Our first concern was that they might catch cold and we asked, "where are the adults"? They told us that they do the same in the winter since there is no hot water.

The next shocking thing was to see their shoes, or I should say the lack of the shoes.



The director told us that the kids walk 3 miles to the nearest school even in a knee high snow and shoes are the biggest problem for them.

The kids walk 3 miles to the nearest school even in knee-high snow

We realized that not much we can do to fix the remnant of a building and that our resources could not solve the hot water problem. But one thing we decided to do is to buy new shoes for them. We wrote down the sizes for every kid, drove a few times to the huge outside wholesale market to get the right

size shoes for every kid in that orphanage.

A couple of days later we were driving back towards



Something to wear

the mountains in a car filled with 64 pairs of shoes.

We were crammed in a tiny room (the warmest one in whole building) to distribute these shoes to each kid. The joy was tremendous! Even though we went through some unpleasant experiences (3 visits to that market just to get right sizes and more or less identical ones for everyone, driving on the gravel road for miles and miles), at the end, it was worth it to see their excitement and gratitude that somebody cares about them and that they were not completely forgotten.





Ani Mdivani—Morrow
P.O. Box 3242
La Jolla, CA 92038 USA

Phone/fax: 858-279-7339

E-mail: ani@supportforkids.org

**A LITTLE HELP- A
BIG DIFFERENCE**

*Your tax-deductable financial gift is the
most important action you can take to
help this great cause*

Please help

About Us

In June 2009 , after our trip to Georgia, my husband Mike and I were convinced that we needed to do something to help the kids we saw in the orphanages. We are committed to give these kids an opportunity for a normal life and happiness; we plan to improve the basic living conditions for these kids (heat, electricity, hot water, clothes, shoes, etc.).

We formed the Support for Kids Organization to provide this help. Our purpose is to provide assistance and we plan to make permanent arrangements for continued support in on-going education and other projects.

We will manage the distribution of funds and products and we will ensure that they are used for the proper purpose with minimum overhead and get the maximum help directly to the kids.

We are not a big company, we don't pay ourselves salaries and so far what has been done was done without any outside financial help. We plan to have fundraisers and apply for grants to be able to accomplish larger projects for the kids.

Support For Kids Organization is a non-profit, non-political public charity with 501(c) tax exempt status.

Georgia up-close

Location, location, location



Georgia is a small country of size of North Carolina located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, in the center of Transcaucasia, between the Black and the Caspian Seas.

According to a legend, when God set about dividing the earth among peoples, the Geor-

gians were late as they lingered over their traditional feast. So, by the time they turned up, the whole world had already been distributed. When asked the question "Why are you late?" the answer was that they have been drinking to the God, to themselves and to the whole world.

God appreciated this response and gave to the Georgians the tiny piece of land he had reserved for himself. "the beauty of this land", He said, "is incomparable to anything elsewhere and people will admire it for ever and ever".

A visit to Georgia will con-

firm that this legend is indeed true—Georgia is a natural paradise.

In the following issues will bring you some interesting stories from Georgia's past history as well as current news.



Holly Trinity Church in Kazbegi