

LET US WIPE AWAY THEIR TEARS

By Tezdjan Murtazova



To wipe all tears from the faces of suffering people, is a task too hard for mortals, while to alleviate misfortunes is often within the most limited power. Yet, the opportunities, which every day occur, of relieving the most wretched of human beings, are overlooked and neglected. The fact that disabled people endure and hang in does something to visiting Christians. It is necessary for us to take care of the disabled... by this we do more for one's spiritual well being than can be imagined. We should never minimize the suffering of another. The Scripture's mandate to us is, "Weep with them that weep." (Romans 12:15, KJV). And that we did, with compassion and empathy in our hearts, feeling the pain of those who suffer. On August 28th, Dimi, the chairman from the regional handicapped club of Balchik and I (Tezdjan), went to the villages of Obrochishte, Cirkva, Gurkovo and Strajica, to visit eight out of the 27 handicapped children and adults, all people who require the compassion of the church.

Emirgan Encheva Hristova is one of the children we visited that day. She has cerebral palsy, is unable to walk by herself and she is only 4 years old. Just when we arrived at her home, her father was coming from the local cattle farm, where he works for minimum wages which is \$ 132.00 USD per month and he works daily 12 hours for these wages. Emirgan was not at home. She was with her mother to the grandmother who lives one village further. When I asked: "Why are they not at home?" the father replied: "because at my mother in law's house they can eat more regular food, than at home." This family was so happy and thankful for the financial support which the church could offer them. The mother said: "Miracles happen today! We have never got people like you in this house, who are interested in my child and offer help! May God bless and protect you for it!"

These families are constant in a storm, by the insecurities of the health conditions of the children. Our church in Bulgaria has been in the storms and blasts. You, the church in North Carolina have not left us broken, weary, beaten in the valley. Instead you have been and still abide with us during challenging times as these. May the Lord bless and keep you all in your ministry all over the world.

"...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" Matthew 25:40.

MEET ZLATINA FROM VARNA, BULGARIA



My name is Zlatina Bojanova Atanasova. I was born in Varna on 18 March 1971, educated as a qualified confectioner and received after special studies a document for restaurant manager. My husband Ivelin Georgiev Atanasov is a car mechanic. We have three daughters: Galina who is 16 years old and studies English in the English Language School, our second is Irina, 10 years old, she learns in grade 4 of the elementary school and sings in the Praise Group Choir of our Church; Ivelina, the youngest, is 4 years old.

Pastor Kosta and his wife Christina led us to the Lord in the winter of 1999. They visited us at our home and told us about Jesus. Since September 2000, I have been leading children in Biblical Knowledge. God answered my prayers when Pastor Kosta invited me to work with children in Varna. This was on my mind for many years. During 10 years I have been active with something I have always wished to do. I pray God to give me power and bless me through the Holy Spirit in leading and guiding me in my service to children! God bless you and God's peace be upon you!

VANESSA PAMINTUAN February 2, 1988—October 8, 2010

We are sad to report to you that Vanessa died on October 8, 2010 at 9:20 pm. (Philippine time) She was a lovely young lady who truly loved the Lord. She came to know the Lord through the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Church Philippines. Her journey was short, but she left us with wonderful memories and a smile that we will never forget. As we grieve her passing, we also rejoice that she is with the One who loves us and gave Himself for us. Thank you for your prayers. Continue to pray for her family and those who were so close to her.



JOIN US FOR PRAYER

The Board of Foreign Missions has a scheduled prayer time for Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 10:30 am at Black Jack FWB Church. We welcome everyone to join us in this time of prayer for revival and world missions.



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