

News letter from Betty

Dear Friends and Family,

Here I am finally to do a Newsletter! Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I was so blessed to be in America from March – Oct. 26, 2008 for such a special time with my children, grandchildren, old friends and new friends. It's great to be back but there sure is a lot of work to do.

A new religious law was passed recently affecting how we can work here.... some things I've written about doing are now illegal. While I strive to be obedient to my calling, I also need more wisdom in order to remain here as long as possible. Please do not put my letter on the web. I also need to be more careful about what I write and names mentioned.

My computer broke 3-4 weeks ago and had to be replaced and I owe many of you emails... please bear with me. I lost all my old email files, did save the email address list and all other files and pictures, praise God!

AREAS WE ARE WORKING IN – [also a prayer request list](#)

- **Baby Orphanage**
- **Disabled/Special Needs Orphanage**
- **Connecting with pastors/churches to work together for the orphans**
- **Support to a small foster home here (6 children)**
- **Parents of Disabled Children (about 500) and their children (not orphans)**
- **Supplying wheelchairs and equipment for invalids**
- **School for Disabled Children – to open**
- **Reuniting (orphans with mother/family)**
- **Training/Equipping Families reunited with orphans**
- **Hydrocephalus/Spine Bifida Surgeries**
- **Investigating Needs of oppressed children and what is already being done here for them, to see what is needed the most**
- **And more.....**

Baby Orphanage - “Defend the cause of the weak and *fatherless*; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed” Psalms 82:3



I was told before I returned to Bishkek 10/26 that the baby orphanage was no longer allowing volunteers or foreigners. My team leader and I went to ask the Director if I could resume volunteering and he did give me permission. It is not clear exactly what's going on but I'm happy that I can still go in and share Christ's love there. Two other team members have been allowed also, for now.

THREE OUTREACHES IN DECEMBER

12/31/08 Outreach – Handicapped/Special Needs Orphanage - Mark 9:36 “Whoever welcomes a child in my name welcomes me...”

Invalid/Crawling Group



Invalid/Crawling Group we prayed over



This year was really special as I could see results from my team leader meeting with local Pastors and Churches, because we had 2 pastors, 10 people from a local church, 4 other local believers and 12 DTS students (here on Outreach) go with our team to bless the children at this annual Christmas outreach. We gave away 60 gift bags plus toys for another 20 children, did a couple dramas, the boys did a break dance show. We all danced with the kids, did face painting, and had an awesome time of prayer and worship with the crawling/invalid group of kids. Both local and foreigners prayed over all the kids in the group while one of the DTS students played worship in the background. Praise God for a good time. The next visit, pray that 2 local pastors from that village will come and God will challenge them to send their people to be big brothers and big sisters for these children.

12/28/09 Baby Orphanage Workers Outreach - "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden." Matt. 5:14



I invited the workers to our annual Christmas dinner, pizza at my place, and we shared a new video,

Magdalena and testimonies. A local fellow worker who works with University teachers and their children wanted to partner in reaching out to these women also. I also invited three neighbors.

12/29/08 – Outreach to Zirahon & family - "Religion that God our father accepts as pure and faultless is this, to look after the orphans and widows... in their distress" James 1:27



While I was in America, my team helped reunite a mother and her baby, who was in the orphanage. She has 3 children, baby is now 14 months and 2 girls ages 6 and 7. She was visiting her baby at the baby orphanage and crying, when my teammate met her. (this happened before they stopped volunteers from going to the orphanage). My teammate found out she wanted her baby and our team leader met with Zirahon to determine what her difficulties were. She had left her husband who was alcoholic. The team helped her buy a cow and calf with donations, so she can sell the milk and pay her rent. They moved to a

one room house (pictures attached) and we are praying to help her find a house with future donations. While we have now visited her several times since I returned, and taken them food, clothes and helped with other needs, the mother is doing a good job of getting their lives together and becoming self sufficient. I will give more details about this family in future updates. We had a blessed time when we visited them with some Christmas gifts, food, and just fellowshiped with them Dec. 29th. We boarded up her windows with plastic to help with the cold. I'm planning to invite the family to spend the night sometime soon.

Shairgul, Feruza and family - [Romans 8:28](#), "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."



Feruza



Prayer request for this family... that the father will find work, motivation to seek training.... We have offered to help if he seeks this training. Their lives

are still "stuck" without a means of support. A cow was purchased but isn't bringing in much income.

Sara and Feruza



I had a wonderful visit with Shairgul, Feruza and Sara in Dec. It was hard to pick out just 3 pictures to show you. Their lives have completely changed since we went to America for surgery for Feruza. Jesus did that.... Even her husband is now a believer Shairgul tells me, along with her mother, father, sister and a neighbor... so it's obvious Shairgul is sharing her faith.

When I first met them, Feruza was an abandoned orphan and her family was completely split apart and Shairgul was herself homeless.... But look how God has used that situation to bring good things, most of all his love, to this reunited family. Praise God for all who helped bring the message of Christ's love to this family. Many reading my letter are some of those who helped them. Almost all the clothes you see on the girls in these pictures are donations from someone in Denver. By the way, I used money from donations I received in Oct. to cover expenses for Shairgul's visit to Bishkek... the taxi fare alone was \$165 to/from their village. Thank you for your support.

ADOPTIONS - Deut. 24:17 "Do not deprive the alien or fatherless of justice."

International adoptions here stopped as of 1 year ago. Many families however, that have selected a child, and are waiting for this situation to change are coming to visit their child. This is a difficult time for these families as they already love them as their own.... please pray for them and the babies. God has not forgotten these babies I know. Pray for God's will in this situation, a legal way in God's eyes to adopt and against greed and corruption that in the end causes the little ones to suffer...

HYDROCEPHALUS/SPINE BIFIDA (SHUNTS) -

Psalm 41: 1-3 “Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble.

We met last week with the director of the National Children’s Hospital for K. We had given \$1000 for two children with spine bifida and hydrocephalus to receive the shunt operations they need. This money was donated by a team member’s church some time back. Hydrocephalus is “water on the brain” and a shunt is inserted in the head to allow the water to drain. Spine Bifida is also a result of the hydrocephalus. I’m going to write more about this in future updates, hoping to raise money for these surgeries as this is often the reason mothers put there babies in an orphanage or abandon them. Also the doctors we spoke with are hoping that somehow we can locate neurosurgeons in America willing to come and train doctors here in this surgery. There is also a new surgical procedure where surgery can be done on the babies in vitro. The doctors can invite all surgeons in Central Asia to come and receive this training if someone is willing to come. Children receiving this surgery in America and maybe some other countries, have a longer lifespan than the children here.

PRAYER AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Prayer Support - I have a prayer team in Gastonia, N.C. now (praise God!) and would like to have one in Denver that would pray for our work weekly. I’m planning to start sharing more about what we are doing more regularly. Prayer is always our #1 need, we can do nothing without God’s strength and power.... we are weak vessels at best. I’m going to send visions/goals of my team as a whole, The B Mercy Ministry Team. I’ll also share soon about CDI, the humanitarian NGO that I’ve gotten my visa and workbook through. It should be interesting for you.

My financial situation has changed greatly since I first came here in 2004. I find myself needing to ask for personal financial support. As of Jan. 1, the utilities here “doubled” and a new property tax was imposed on locals and my rent alone has gone up \$75 since I returned 10/26. There are no binding “contracts” here for apt. rental. I recently did an all inclusive budget and it was an eye opener.... I’ve been living on social security, and now since last summer, using some of my meager savings. If you could please ask God about partnering with me in my work here financially and/or prayerfully, I would greatly appreciate it. I’m happy to share my budget information also on request.

Please also see an attached LIST OF DONATIONS we can always use here. If you have something to send, we may have a way to get it here... just let us know!

I am very grateful for all prayer and financial support received since 2004 and also all donations for the orphans. All your gifts and prayers have been a blessing for the children and a personal encouragement to me... thank you.

With much love in Christ and wishing you all every blessing,

Betty

PERSONAL SUPPORT, OR DONATIONS

Please send donations made payable to:
(SOTH) Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Attn: Accounting
7691 S. University Blvd.
Centennial, CO 80122

Please include a note saying it’s for Betty Adams, either personal support or, for the Mercy Ministry Team. You will receive a receipt for all donations.

Please let me know by email if you make a donation. Some donations that came in Oct., went into a general fund for CDI and I didn’t know about those for some time. Our Mercy Team is just one of several ministries associated with CDI.

Donations for the Mercy Ministry Team can also be sent to CDI with note “For Mercy Ministry Team”.

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