

CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN of TABITHA BULGARIA FOUNDATION

To cheer up the miserable existence of the children, deprived of parental cares, Tabitha Bulgaria and its donors from Holland, Ireland, UK, USA and Bulgaria, organized Christmas parties and presents for all the children at the orphanages which the organization supports. We received generous support from **Stichting Promoties (NL)** through Stichting Kinderthuizen Bulgarije "geloof, hoop & liefde (NL), **Orphan appeal (Ireland)**, **Melora Johnson and friends (USA)**. The children from **Anglo-American School (ASS) in Sofia** made presents and meal for the children in the orphanage in Vratza. The staff from the **Bank supervision of BNB** bought laundry machine, washing powder, micro wave and pans for the orphanage in Razliv.

We are also grateful for the personal donations from: **Agnes van Uchelen(NL)**, **Ann Steward (UK)**, **Cathy McElhannon (USA)**, **Eileen and Tony Reagan (UK)**, **Linsay Sacre and family(UK-Lebanon)**, **Teddy Haury and IWC (Lebanon)**, **Tim Wille (NL)**.

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We would like to acknowledge Mrs. Agnes van Uchelen (Stichting Kinderthuizen Bulgarije "geloof, hoop&liefde) special efforts and help for the Christmas campaign. She came to Bulgaria for a week to give us a hand with the organization and presents making.

Thanks to the generous support of our donors we were able to organize Christmas parties for 9 social institutions for more than 650 children:

11.12.2009 at Stara Zagora – Theophano Popova Home (30 boys, age 7-19, few of them deaf-mutes). The boys received warm hats and scarves, the elder guys got cosmetics. We also donated them fruits and bed linen. Stichting Kinderthuizen Bulgarije "geloof, hoop & liefde" (NL) bought carpets and tableclothes for the newly renovated living quarter of the small boys. The boys enjoyed a jolly good party with sweets, cakes and Santa Clause hats from Jos Ruijs (Colour4kids NL)



Albena is giving presents to the boys



George is carrying the new carpets



What nice caps the boys have!

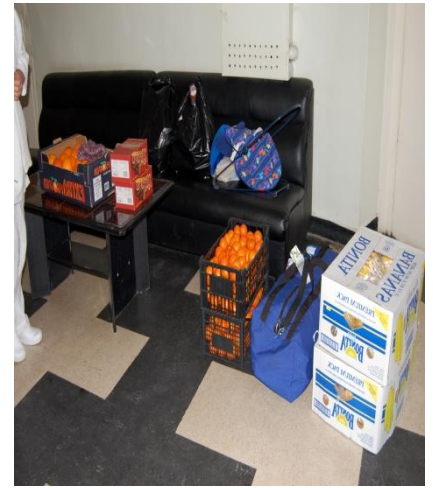
14.12. Pleven – Home for Medico-Social Cares (230 kids, 0-3 years). During our visit we had the pleasure to be accompanied by Agnes van Uchelen and our old friends from IWC Cathy McElhannon USA) Linsay Sacre, Eileen Reagan, Rose and Laura (UK). We brought food, fruits, toys and clothes for the kids.



What a great company we have on the trip to Pleven!



A Pleven girl is bidding us welcome!



14.12.(in the evening) – Gormazovo (near Sofia) – protected house “Together” for young people who have left the social institutions. There are 12 people, 7 boys and 5 girls (age 19-25). Mr. Dunchev, who used to be a director of the Home in Doganovo, was a big friend of our visitors. We brought to the House presents: scarves and hats, cosmetics for the boys and jewelries for the girls. We also gave them fruits and sweets. The young people had prepared refreshments and we had a round table discussion on their plans for the future.



Danni has just received his presents

Agnes is handing presents

Krassi looks happy.

15.12. Roman orphanage “N.Vaptzarov” (120 children, age 7-21, 70 with disabilities). We organized a wonderful Christmas party for all children and the staff in a nice restaurant in Mezdra (30 km from Roman). It was a day out of the orphanage for the kids. They looked smart, well dressed with new clothes, combed and cheerful. Our Irish friends from Orphan Appeal have provided for the food and the presents. There was a special DJ and they enjoyed the music and danced the day away.



The kids are enjoying the tasty food and drinks.

The kids love dancing.



Isn't it great to have a warm hat and gloves for the cold winter!



The elder children are happy with the new stereo.

16.12. – Vratza Home –Asen Zlatarov(70 children, age 7-20, 30 with disabilities). About 50 children from AAS participated in the event. They had prepared presents in shoeboxes for all the kids from the Home and delicious refreshments and drinks. They were all happy, sang and danced together. The children from the Home performed a play about Jesus' birth. We donated then fruits, bed linen and money for their Charismas discotheque which trilled them.



Hievda from AAS is giving a present to her new friend.



The group is enjoying the party.



The kids from the orphanage are performing!



A girl from the orphanage is singing a Christmas carol.

16.12.- Mezdra Home for children with mental and physical disabilities (70 children, age 4-21)



We donated them bed linen and fruits.



The children are enjoying the party.

17.12. – Dren Home- 42 children, age 3-7, 18 of them with disabilities. We have 9 grannies (babas), taking care of the handicapped children. We provided puppet show for the kids and animators to take care of the fun. We brought them lots of big toys – child and doll's houses, kitchen and laundry centers and many toys, for which the children had written to St. Clause.



The children are watching the puppet show with interest.



The puppet show's performers.



The children are singing carols with granny Maria on the piano. The grannies are treating us with goodies they made.



17.12 (late afternoon) – Doganovo Home - 45 children, age 7-19. We had a nice party with the kids with a lot of presents and refreshments. We brought them underwear, cosmetics, toy, sweets and fruits.



Sharon from "Wees een Lach 2008" is at the party too.



Vessi is receiving her present.



George is enjoying the happy faces while giving presents.



Sonja and her friend love the cosmetics they got.

18.12. Razliv Home – 42 children, age 7-19 (few are slightly retarded). The Mayor of Pravets (regional town, near Razliv) attended the party. The children performed a play about Jesus' birth, sang carols and danced. The children who participated in the cooking lessons and their teacher had cooked delicious food for the party. We gave the children two pairs of shoes: sports trainers and winter boots, sweets, fruits, bed linen and toys.



We are proud with the cooking skills of children.



The children are performing with enthusiasm.

MANY THANKS TO ALL PEOPLE WHO HELPED THE LESS FORTUNATE CHILDREN HAVE GREAT CHRISTMAS!

WE WISH YOU A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS 2010!