

“Love never fails”



At the Very Edge

Kyzylorda is currently the farthest point from the centre of our diocese and Caritas’ headquarters. More than 1,100 km separate Kyzylorda from Almaty. Hence, the new chapter in the history of the project supporting families of Down’s syndrome children has a special meaning.

The invitation by the local Foundation was the consequence of the earlier trip to Taraz, when one of the Kyzylorda's mothers had attended our meetings and brought her daughter for assessment. However, there is another reason why this journey had a special meaning. It was the first time that such an activity in a new city was organised without the presence and direct support of Professor Sangalli, the project supervisor from Italy.

This was because Professor Sangalli acknowledged that our Almaty team – Zhanna and Nastja – were now ready to work independently. These were very busy days. Immediately after the arrival of our flight from Almaty, we started the meeting with the parents, in the house that they themselves had made available to us. Then the children were examined and finally we met with the city authorities, with representatives of the Departments of Health and Education, and with a group of

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specialists. The meeting was followed by videoconference also by other officials and specialists from other cities in the region. In general, we were deeply satisfied by the way we were welcomed, the attention to our presentation of the project and its underlying purpose and the round table on the topic of inclusion, seeing that we were asked to take part in the training of specialists and the implementation of the project in the life of the city.



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There is another source of pride linked to this project. Some months ago, the managers of an important company in Kazakhstan had turned to us with the idea of hiring disabled staff. After much reflection and discussion, we came to a shared decision to start training a young man with Down's syndrome within our centre's programme, preparing him for the tasks that he will be given within the

company, and guaranteeing a period of tutorship to ensure the progressive inclusion of the young man in the work environment. It is a great challenge, since it is the first case, but at the same time we realise that this is the final aim of the whole project: to guarantee that people with disabilities are included in the real life of society, so that they can fully exercise their rights.

Annual report

With a short delay, we have published the annual Caritas Almaty report, in Russian and English. This isn't just lip service to sum up the activities of the past year, rather an opportunity for the organization to gather together the most significant stages of our work, become aware of the progress made, and express gratitude to those - organizations and friends – who contributed to increase our knowledge and experience, and the quality of our service. Sharing information, inside and outside our organization, and the visibility of our activity in the society in which we live, remains one of our priorities, in which, albeit in small steps, we continually try to learn and grow.



Agriculture between Indonesia and Kazakhstan

Caritas Asia gave us the opportunity to attend a workshop in Indonesia on agricultural projects, and to visit the village farm co-operatives that have developed in recent years. It was a very significant experience despite its simplicity. Although the



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economic and social conditions of our respective countries are noticeably different, nevertheless many features of these projects are applicable in many of our rural sites. In Indonesia, for example, setting up these small agricultural co-operatives, essentially made up of women, was a valid solution to the subsistence problem of families abandoned by their men, who leave their villages in search of work. For us, this would mean on the one hand creating jobs and livelihoods for people and small communities who live in similar situations of economic crisis, by providing them with knowledge and technologies that can be part of the changes taking place in our country, such as the discovery of organic agriculture. For this reason we immediately started to lay the foundations of some pilot projects in our territory, which could later signpost the path to new achievements.

We accept applications for those people who are in need or who wish to join the group of volunteers of Caritas Almaty.

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