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Coats for Kids January 2012 update

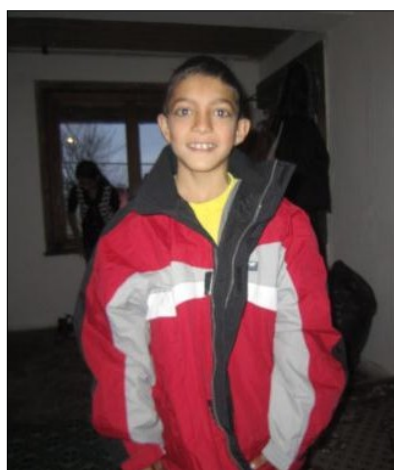
Dear Friends,

Coats for Kids has been... unique this year. With Larry in the States for six weeks, I managed best I could, but couldn't seem to keep up. Now that he's home, I'm trying to catch up in all areas I was remiss. Also, the plans I made, which seemed practical at the time, changed on their own and I'm just trying to roll with the flow.

In other words, I'm behind, but beginning to catch up. Last week we purchased an additional 400 coats and socks, bringing our total to around 800. Now to get them out...



We started this morning in a nearby city. It was raining heavily, so instead of a big crowd, we had a slow yet steady flow. One by one, kids came to see if there was a coat just for them.



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And then there were the little ones who tugged at our hearts (and, speaking for myself, made me want to pinch cheeks and talk baby talk. Not that I'd ever admit such a thing...):



While there with his two children, this man to the right asked if there was a coat for him. I happened to have a large coat on hand, and I was amazed by his excitement as it was handed to him. I turned my attention to a child nearby and missed the man's full reaction to finding out the coat fit him perfectly—he raised his hands in the air and glorified God.



This man brought his grandchildren and also asked if there was a coat his size. He definitely needed one—the one he was wearing was an old suit jacket that was badly stained and worn. I dug through the piles and found one I thought might work...

It was time to move on to the next place. This village is always fun! That is, if you consider chaos, crowds, and rambunctious behavior, fun. Larry was not able to take pictures in this village because we needed a lot of hands to pass out coats and keep order. In one hour, we were able to give out around sixty coats and socks, bringing the total of the day to around 120. What a great start!

Thank you for praying for this ministry. Keep it up; we're not done yet! With Sincerest Thanks,

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