

# January 2009

## Vedat Update

Vedat has now been with the Hatcher's in Bristow for 4 months. He has become one of the family and has fallen into the household routine. He has also completed his first 4 months as an eighth grader at Gainesville Middle School. He is very happy there and has connected with both students and teachers. One teacher says she can see him one day becoming the President of Montenegro! His school work is still a challenge, especially math and science. Pray for his ability to grasp his subject matter and for Grace as she helps him with his homework.

In November, Vedat and Susan McCarthy flew to Chicago for his bi-annual follow-up visit with his surgeon at Shriner's Hospital. The physician was very pleased with his condition and progress. Even though his progress has plateaued, he feels there *is* a good chance for further improvement. He saw his urologist in December and this report was also a good one. There *is* still hope for improvement in this area, too. Pray for continued healing.

At the time of the writing of this article, Vedat is preparing to travel home to Montenegro for a visit with his family between the Christmas and New Year holidays. This will only be his second trip home since coming to Virginia for surgery in February 2006! He will be traveling with the Montenegro Hope mission team, who will also be doing outreach in the Konic refugee camp. More information about his trip will be shared in the February newsletter so be on the lookout. Pray for safe travel, a great time with his family, and for open hearts in the Konic camp.

If you are interested in helping in the ministry to Vedat, please contact Martin Olson who is the Vedat Team leader (703-830-7880 or [mgo6302@verizon.net](mailto:mgo6302@verizon.net)). There are needs in the areas of transportation, meals, airline miles, financial support and more.