

## May 2009

### *Vedat Update*

The key items in Vedat's life today are plans for the future. The first plan is to investigate medical facilities and educational opportunities in Vedat's hometown in Montenegro. Susan McCarthy and Beka Kintzing returned to Montenegro April 21 – 29 to perform this fact finding mission. They met with Bob Hitching, missionary to the Bayash Roma gypsies, and Sinisa Nadazdin, our "on the ground" human rights case worker who has been involved since before Vedat came to America. They were to locate and evaluate medical facilities as well as investigate education opportunities available where Vedat could continue his education. Look for a report detailing their findings in the June Newsletter.

On May 28, Vedat will be traveling to Shriners' Children Hospital in Chicago for his semi-annual check up. This is the wonderful facility where Vedat's surgery was performed over two years ago. Pastor Bill Hatcher and Stacey Shepherd will travel with him. He will have various specialty evaluations, and information will be collected about his physical status and the need for future medical treatments. We look forward to the results of this important visit.

A longer term plan is related to Vedat's U. S. Visa which has expired. It was valid for 3 years. Even though it has expired, Vedat can stay here as long as his Department of Homeland Security Departure Record is kept up to date. This record is renewed every six months, and it has been renewed continuously since his arrival. The next renewal is being processed now. We are asking God to show us which direction to turn in regards to applying for a new visa. Please join us in praying for wisdom and peace.

Meanwhile, summer is coming and Vedat needs a family to "adopt" him for the summer; from around June 18 until September 5. Please prayerfully consider if God would have you join the Vedat Support Team as a summer respite provider. Agnes Welch is

coordinating the respite family needs. If you are interested in hosting Vedat for all or part of the summer, please contact her at [bnawelch@yahoo.com](mailto:bnawelch@yahoo.com) or 703-753-2784.