

R E P O R T "A I S I" M T V 2009

I was there for few days. I had a look in the workshops and physical activities.

My help wasn't needed as well I have hoped so, but I could help anyway.

The first days are a bit lazy, have to look how the children are and looking for there skills. But at the 4th day and now on, it was really great to work with these open minded children, and with this helpful, friendly teacher team.

I helped by a workshop, who was doing jewellery with cotton. And also a workshop by Polygraph, they have done little books.

In the physical activities, the children are doing: play with instruments, singing, dancing, and doing some gymnastic exercises, also playing theatre.

I have looked that children are well-behaved, also looked that the main room are clean after a refresh. After few days, I could also help children by doing exercise, like creating a circle by going by foot. Have looked that children are learning what teacher is saying.

AISI also do school, like reading, mathematic and so one. Because it was in Georgian Alphabet, I couldn't help anything.

They have also a drawing lesson; they are drawing now a Christmas story but just with the regular colours like red, blue and yellow, black, green and so one.

One day AISI was going with the children to a gym room and playing kind games with a basketball ball and another day they have done some gymnastic exercise.

AISI is a good project to look in, if someone will learn about, how to occupy handicapped children. I think, when I were there for a longer time, 2-3 months, you have the ability to look more inside in this very good project. The person who is in charge of me also says sorry to me, because it was boring the first day and they haven't the chance for planning me. But it was a good experience. To find out, how you can communicate with handicapped children although you can't read and write the language of them. But you can show with hands what you mean.

AISI offers for there children every day a little breakfast with tea and some snakes like pancake. Also every day offers a dinner at 2 o'clock with soup and another thing for eating. Children aren't living at AISI; they will be every day picked up by a school bus and also will be brought back at home.

Some Teachers do discuss with a special psychologist about the drawings of the children, because a drawing can say much thing from your self. It isn't just the colour you will use by drawings, it also how you create things in the drawing.

For example if you draw a face with a very big ear, than it means you want hear everything.

AISI also go out with the children sometimes, to the botanic garden and they will do there drums exercises outside.

And if AISI had the chance for planning me, that I would be involved by project, means for example: how to look for a garden with the children.

GENERAL REPORT

First I have to say, it was a very great time in Georgia to learn about volunteer working. Thank you so much, for very good introducing Georgia before my stay in Georgia, and while I was staying in Georgia.

I was picked up at the Airport by Nunu and Lado. Then they drove me to Nunu's Cousin, where I did lived for my 2 weeks volunteering.

On my first day, Nunu has showed me Tbilisi and have told me many things about Georgia. At the end of the Day, we were by Victoria's Office. The reason is, during bad wheatear condition I couldn't work by Gurjanni, as planned before my arrival. Therefore we have to look around other Projects.

So I have decided for AISI. (AIS I is my 2nd report)

Nunu has accompanied me every time. This was great, because I would say, if I were alone in Tbilisi, there is no chance to find out the way back home, or the way to your project station. First reason, there is the Georgian Alphabet needed by Mashutkas, second reason, the town is very big, you need a person who goes with you, step by step at the beginning.

Every evening after working, Nunu has showed me something of Tbilisi, this was great, so I could also see something like the TV Tower, Eat some Georgian specialty, was on the castle. – It was really great that the Volenteer Office is looking for you while you are working, and after working, thanks a lot!!!!

On my only one weekend in Georgia, they showed me the old capital town, Zkreta, In Zkreta we were by 2 Churches, and also by a church in a mountain. It was great; I could see many Georgian Weddings. At the end of the day, Lado has invite us to some Georgian Food, which I really like it ☺

On Sunday we went to Gurjanni, now I'm really happy, that I have decided for AISI, because in Gurjanni, it was really cold. I would also say, Gurjanni is a good thing, but I do prefer in summertime than in wintertime.

We were also at Zirnaki, this town was really nice. The town is now new built, but in a face of old Georgian architect, which looks really nice.

On the way back home, we did a Georgian Pick Nick, this means, you make a stop with the car, than you eat some cheese, bred and drink some red wine.

And once Nunu was on her Holliday, than it was Iweri who looked well over me thank you.

I want to thank you to all the people, who has showed me Georgia and that I have learned the Georgian food as well the Mentality.

Every people are very nice and is looking that you are feeling well. You can always say, that you are unhappy and in a few times, they will look that you are feeling great.

For me, I had the experience of my life. If I weren't working at home, than I would stay for a longer time in Georgia, this means for about 3 months or longer.

But if someone has the chance, to do some volunteering work in Georgia or any other place in the world, don't hesitate to do this, because this experience must be taken, when you have the chance. At the end of this experience, it doesn't matter how long your volunteering working was, but it does matter that you can learn from this experience.

Introducing for a short Volunteer Stay in Georgia

First of all, I have to say, that Georgian people likes to be very friendly and offers you much food.

There Menthality is like Italian, but a little stronger, this means, they are speaking very much and also speaking in a loud voice.

The Georgian people are really religious.

And at the beginning you have just learn the important words.

- be every time friendly, because they are friendly to you too
- be always truth, they are truth also
- if someone offers you food and you say no thank you, than eat just a little, they will be happy

- most needed transportation is Marshrutka, Kind of Minibus, Nunu or Someone lese will explain you the Marshrutka System. But if you were in a Marshrutka and you will leave the bus, you must say "Gamitschere" and pay 50,00 Tetri to the driver
- if you will miss your family, or if you are unhappy with any situation, talk to the responsible person, and they will do there best, that you are feeling great
- Georgian People like, when you are talking from your culture also your religion

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