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North Macedonia
The Romish district of Bitola

*Dear Friends and
Supporters,*



Almost all students in the Geoghi Sugarev school in Bitola, North Macedonia, live in the Romish district on a mountain slope. No house numbers or street names exist here, so the school psychologist does not have an easy time finding and registering new students for the Fall term. To understand the Romish families' living conditions, we visited the area together with a few of the students and their mothers. An array of cute and merry children peaked out at us with happy and curious faces. Their housing really varied but, gratifyingly, several families had substantially improved conditions as compared with five years ago. The boy in the white shirt played a wind instrument for us at the school the day before. The family's outhouse consisted of loose boards. His home had neither shower nor indoor running water. In spite of this his shirt was white and clean. His Dad and siblings stand with him in the photo. The Mother, in the picture to the left, was sickly but nevertheless cleaned others' houses to support the family. The Father previously held seasonal employment but was now unable to get any work. As the photos show, they had one sofa, but at night they bedded down on the floor. An iron stove stood in



one corner. Most of all the man wished for a shower and a better toilet.

If the children receive schooling, the family conditions will gradually improve. SB-Foundation wants to contribute to this. If you wish to do that, too, let us work together.

**A warm thank you to all, who wish to help, from us on the SB-Foundation Board,
Arne, Elisabeth, Gloria, Lena, Roger**

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