

VISIT TO THE LARGE FAMILY OF ANTONYANS

January 15, 2015 Green Lane NGO, UMCOR and The Armenian University NGO visited the large family of Antonyans in Artashavan village of Armavir Marz.



Among other necessities, we brought them new gifts from Grandfather Richard, as Antonyans' eleven children call Dr. Richard Funt, Professor Emeritus at The Ohio State University and the President of The Armenian Educational University NGO. This time the

family's kids got winter boots and stockings, hygiene items and stationery.

Last year we visited the Antonyans family and helped the wish of Mrs. Armineh, the mother of 11 children, come true by presenting her a washing machine, comfortable chairs, blankets, stationery, hygiene items, etc.

Now we are happy to see that the washing machine lightens the burden of household cares for Mrs. Armineh. We also noticed that she had partly renovated the house and expanded the greenhouse area.

Next time we'll visit the Antonyans family in spring. We'll bring them seeds, fertilizers and agricultural tools. And

what is most exciting about our next meeting is that next time Grandfather Richard will join us. This means that, together with the necessary agricultural inputs, the family will get valuable advice and agricultural consultancy from Dr. Funt.



In January–February, 2015, the Green Lane team, together with a number of partner organizations, will provide support to 46 families in need.

HAPPY ARMY DAY!

January 28, 2015 On the Armenian Army Day, Green Lane NGO orga-

nized one more charity event. Our team visited the Military Unit N in Kotayk region to join the servicemen and servicewomen in celebration of this special day. We were more than happy to bring small presents, hygiene accessories and stationery, as well as delicious sweets provided by Ashtarak Kat LTD ...



Dear soldiers, it's thanks to your courage that we can live a peaceful life and feel confident about the safety and bright future of our kids.

Once again we would like to express our

deepest gratitude to all soldiers, officers and support staff serving in the Armenian Army and wish them strength and perseverance to achieve new accomplishments and victories.



Happy Army Day! We admire your courage and good will!

May our fit and powerful army always remain the guarantor of peace in the region!

We are happy that singers Mkrtych and Armen and musician Narek joined our initiative. Their performances, which made the day in the military unit even more enjoyable, were accompanied by emo-

tionally candid and enthusiastic dances of the servicemen and servicewomen.

BOARD MEETING OF GREEN LANE NGO

Board meeting of Green Lane NGO took place on February 21st of 2015.



Board members discussed the Green Lane's strategic plan for 2014–2018 and activity plan for 2015. Changes and additions have been made to the Green Lane's strategic plan of 2015–2018; the mechanisms to collect membership fees and the activity plan for the coming 3 years have been

made more accurate. The changes made and the drawn-up activity plan will be presented to the next board meeting for approval.



During the meeting, on February 22, 2015, the final version of the Citizen Guide on Eco-migration, prepared in the framework of Eco-migration: Dialogue and Cooperation in the South Caucasus Countries for Better Life project, has been discussed.

The citizen guide's objectives are to direct the citizens of Armenia in terms of the following: who eco-migrants are,

their rights according to the national legislation and international benchmarks, where and how they can get help.

As an outcome of the discussions decision was made up that after the final revision the guide is ready for being published.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FESTIVAL

Just as last year, this year, in autumn, Green Lane will invite all friends and partners to take part in a very special event – Harvest Festival: Rural Life and Traditions.



We hope that this feast of harvest, Green Lane together with the Municipality of Yerevan, the Ministry of Agriculture of Armenia and many other partners and supporters initiated last year, will become an annual event.



In 2015 the "Harvest Festival: Rural Life and Traditions" will be held on September 27th, again in the English Park, Yerevan.

This year 40 more, thus overall 100 participants (farmer groups, cooperatives, individual farmers and entrepreneurs, local and international organizations) from Armenia, Georgia and

other countries are expected to present their crops and farm products, traditional craft works, along with traditional home-made food, fresh, dried and processed agricultural products, etc.



The festival serves as a unique platform where farmers, producers and buyers, processors, different organizations and potential donors can meet, find new markets, exchange experience and give a start to new collaborations.



Yerevan residents and guests will have a wonderful opportunity to find a wide variety of agricultural products.

Also, the Festival will present the Armenian culture: the event will be accompanied by folk music and dancing.

The best booths, named by the festival jury, will be honored with special awards. In addition, all participants will receive participation certificates.



Also, a competition with wonderful prizes will be organized for the festival visitors.

- TO READ MORE ABOUT THE HARVEST FESTIVAL : RURAL LIFE AND TRADITIONS, TO LEARN ABOUT PARTICIPATION DETAILS AND TO SEND US AN ONLINE REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION, PLEASE, VISIT GREEN LANE'S WEBSITE:

www.greenlane.am/en/festival

- TO LEARN ABOUT HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF GREEN LANE NGO AND TO SUBMIT AN ONLINE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, PLEASE, VISIT:

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WELCOME!

TO ALL THE NEW 49 MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED GREEN LANE IN 2014

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO BE PART OF OUR TEAM!