

Our Buddies:

Faith, Hope and Love Center for Street Children (FHL)

AAS Students:

"We have visited the FHL on many occasions over the last few years. Each year we try to do something special to help them out and to try to build a friendship with them. One time we all went bowling, another time we raised funds to help with their summer holiday. We have visited them to do art activities and play games and the children from the centre have visited AAS to watch assemblies and visit different classes"

Characteristics of the place: A drop-in center. 10-40 children (number varies constantly), age 6-16; 10 staff (very well qualified). They support homeless children

with clothes, shoes and food. The kids are divided in groups according to their skills, not age (usually they are behind intellectually). The center conducts a variety of activities, mainly crafts, trying to cover basic academic concepts, too. The aim of the center is to involve children in intellectual and fun activities, encourage them to attend school and stay at the center rather than go back to the street.

History: More than four years of relationship; food, clothes, toys, school supplies donations; in 2002 gr.4 visited and invited them for math activities, games, bowling, pizza lunch and performances.

Their staff's ideas: The kids benefit greatly from changing the atmosphere: going out, visiting; they also love our visits for fun games, get-to-know-each-other games and simple subject area games (i.e. solid shapes making). We could have a game on an international basis, for example comparing words from different languages; teach them



some simple English; go together on daily trips (picnic, bowling, museum, exhibition, swimming, Patilantsi. We might try and include a very small group (2-3 kids) in a co-curricular activity, and we can visit them regularly on Tuesday as a co-curricular activity. They love performances, but the language is a barrier. If we are thinking about a pet-gift, a bird is appropriate

Their Needs: Sports equipment; school equipment (globes, maps, math counters, animal/ bird maps, clocks, models) AAS sponsored their new playground.

