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October 2022

Dear Friend,

January 1 is officially the beginning of a new calendar year, but it often seems like the new year begins in the fall. Summer ends, visitors return home, school starts and work takes on a new focus.

Education is a key emphasis for Nehemiah Gateway. We know that an educated child has more possibilities and a brighter outlook for the future.

From kindergarten through graduate levels of university, NG offers the chance of quality education to Albanians from all walks of life. At the university level we provide a unique opportunity also for international students wishing to broaden their horizons.

Enjoy reading about how we are investing in education at NG, positively impacting generations across nationalities. Here's to a happy and successful new year!

Gratefully yours,



Michelle Mann
Executive Director, NG USA



START INTO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

A variety of educational programs at NG Albania offer children from all walks of life a better perspective for the future



GJIROKASTËR

NG Gjirokaštër after school program helps at-risk children from the Roma minority's stay in school, providing daily hot lunches, after school homework help, and support navigating the Albanian public school system.



At the start of the new school year, the team sets the children up with new shoes and clothes, as well as backpacks and supplies. The team also helps them make sure that their paperwork is all up to date at the school, which can be difficult for parents with limited education. On the first day of school the children were ready and comfortable, and the NG Gjirokaštër team was waiting with a hot lunch and homework help afterwards.



Nehemia School's director Elona Rira and teachers welcome the pupils in Buçimas.

NEHEMIA SCHOOL

Kindergarten started September 1, and the rest of the school started on September 6. An opening ceremony on August 31 welcomed parents and students who are new to the school, and a couple of days of orientation on September 1 and 2 gave new students the opportunity to meet their teachers. Director Elona Rira says that "the first day of school is always special for me, especially when I see the first graders coming in for the first time. I'm excited to see some of our planned partnerships become a reality this year—and of course, I'm always excited to see the students succeeding."



They come from Uganda, Guatemala and Albania - NGU's Bachelor's graduates 2022

NEHEMIAH GATEWAY UNIVERSITY

At Nehemiah Gateway University, fall is a time of beginnings and endings. The six students from Course Nine, who started at NGU a few months before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, graduated on September 16. This year's theme, "Never Stop Learning," is particularly appropriate as these students more than most have already had to adjust and adapt during their education, and no doubt they will be adept at continuing to adjust and adapt to a rapidly changing world in their professional lives. In October 2022, a whole new crop of students will arrive, including the first new student from Tanzania since pre-COVID.

AMARO TAN

The first day of school was September 6 at Amaro Tan this year. The younger students always bring flowers for their teachers, like children all over Albania. Flowers aren't expensive so the team doesn't discourage this. Teachers appreciate the gesture of respect, however humble. The parents have not been able to come in on the first day since the pandemic started, but this year a short parent meeting was held.



Eagerly awaited: daily school lunch



Pupils and parents flock to the Amaro Tan School opening.



The little ones at Amaro Tan kindergarten have dressed up, too.



Students of advanced classes organize the distribution of textbooks on their own.

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