

# *The Maria Foundation*

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## **The Maria Foundation – NEWS - update**

25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2006

Another big Hello to everyone!!

Following on from our November Newsletter, thankfully Maria is now off the streets and no longer has to beg. Sadly, the threat of legal action by Heather has meant we have not been able to market and promote the book in any way whatsoever and so we have not sold many copies, but the money we have raised so far has gone towards helping to support Maria and her family, plus she now earns a little extra as a part-time child minder in her village. This was our objective from the very beginning, to help her help herself. Although undoubtedly life is still very difficult for her, she is on the road to a better future.

Although we were promised that Maria's legs would be completed last autumn, after another long silence we have just heard from Jamie and Heather saying that her legs will now be completed in April. She still needs new knees and feet, which Ossur have promised, and the silicone covering which Heather has promised. Personally we just don't understand the reason for all the delays, but let's keep our fingers tightly crossed and hope that it isn't postponed once again.

Please contact us if you feel you are still able to help. Every single penny goes towards supporting Maria and her family – we never want her to have to return to the streets. We do not take out any running costs - these come from our pocket - so you can be assured that Maria receives everything.

Recently we have had a couple of enquiries regarding donations of regular small amount paid to the Maria Foundation via standing order. If you feel this is one way in which you can help, it would be wonderful as it will help secure a regular monthly allowance. Our account details:

Account: The Maria Foundation  
Bank: Lloyds TSB  
Account Number: 4397393  
Sort Code: 30-96-17

Without YOUR help and support we would have never been able to get this girl off the streets and into a more 'normal' life, so again we sincerely thank you.

Best wishes

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