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Dear friends at Sagdalen Rotary, almost half year has rolled by since my winter letter, and I am here to tell how your sponsored boy Kaspars is doing!

This has been an eventful time for the village children and for **Kaspars**, too. The long and cold winter with lots of snow lasted until April, making everyone wish for the spring to finally come. Children enjoyed winter very much, though - they could ski, skate and build “snow fortifications” at their houses. During the coldest days (-20°C and below) the little ones were allowed to stay at home. They were happy to have extra holidays from school and kindergarten, but **Kaspars** is not among the little ones any more. He will finish already 5th grade in May. ☺

Kaspars turned 12 years old in January. His school results could be better, his SOS mom thinks. He is a little hasty and wants to do his school tasks as quickly as possible. “When you hurry, you can easily make mistakes, too!” she says. The boy oftentimes goes to the village pedagogue to get some assistance with his English language tasks.

In school, **Kaspars** studies in the same class as his twin sister Lāsma (you can see both of them in a photo). His younger sister Rīta goes to the same school, too – she is in the first grade. SOS mother tells that **Kaspars** is a real gentleman – he always is there to help his sisters, especially the little one. Children have very heavy school bags sometimes, and **Kaspars** helps his little sister – he carries her school bag. “It is something that brothers should do,” he says, and it looks really cute!

Even though **Kaspars** sometimes lacks patience with his school tasks, the boy has started to read books more, and mostly he likes books about adventures. “*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*”, a novel written by *Jeff Kinney*, is a total favorite among the village boys right now - they are queuing up at the village library to get it! It’s a sequel, in fact, consisting of several parts telling about the boy named Greg and his struggles and adventures at school.

Another big thing in **Kaspar’s** life is hockey. Now, after some pause, he has resumed his hockey trainings again, and he trains almost every day – 5 times per week! The boy explains that there are trainings on ice and also so called “dry” trainings, which take place in a gym or an outdoor stadium. These trainings are aimed at acquiring more strength and endurance, so that the boys would be able to show better performance on ice. In winter, there was an ice-ring created on the village sports ground, and **Kaspars** and other boys were taking care of it – cleaning away snow, so they could play hockey there.

Summer holidays have almost started, and SOS moms are looking for the most suitable summer camp offers. There will be no special camps for SOS village children this year. Instead, children will go to various camps together with other kids of the local community. It will be a good chance for them to mix with other kids, to find new friends and to learn to be on their own. We are glad that thanks to our friends and supporters we can afford to send SOS village children to summer camps! I don't know yet what kind of summer camp will be chosen for **Kaspars**, but I will tell you about that in my next letter.

Thank you so much for being such a great help to us in providing family and good care for Kaspars! The village can provide the needed assistance to the boy and he benefits from it a lot.

Together we can provide not only for the daily needs of children living in the children's village, but also to allow them face life and every new day with a smile and enthusiasm.

I wish you a lovely summertime with lots of sunshine and some relaxing time, too! With warm greetings from Kaspars and his SOS family,

Sincerely,



Irena Liepiņa
Sponsorship Coordinator

P.S. Please see enclosed a little gift card for you – I hope that happy children's faces will put a smile on your face, too!



Kaspars and his twin siser

