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## *Protecting the Borders of Armenia*



Elva Rush transporting  
the MVDLs to Armenia



Lala Tateosyan and  
Hygan Baghoyan in training

Dear Supporters:

Your generous contributions enabled us to deliver three additional Mobile Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories (MVDLs) to Armenia in 2016. The effort was well received by both the Ministries of Agriculture and Territorial Administration, as well as by dairy farmers alike.

Our first MVDL was delivered in 2015. The laboratory gives veterinarians the means to provide on-farm and on-site services to dairymen – previously not available. The equipment helps track and prevent health-threatening diseases and the loss of animals.

In 2016, we placed three MVDLs along Armenia's borders -- one each in Shirak and Lori, in the North, adjacent to Turkey and Georgia. In the South, we placed the third unit in Goris, near the Iranian border.

In 2017, our goal is to supply Armenia with three additional MVDLs. We would like to place one in the Lake Sevan basin of Armenia; a second one in Artsakh and the third, in Javaghk, in the Republic of Georgia. The three locations were chosen to monitor the cross-border grazing of cattle and, also, to minimize the spread of animal borne diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease.

The three units will cost \$45,000. This total amount will include the assembly and transportation, as well as the training of local veterinarians in the uses and benefits of the equipment. Our ultimate objective is to facilitate wholesome food, free of transmissible diseases.

Your voluntary tax-deductible contributions will launch the second phase of this extremely worthwhile -- indeed, essential -- responsibility.

With sincere appreciation for your consideration, we wish you and yours good health and prosperity!

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# Help us empower the people in Armenia to halt their emigration!



***In 2016 we Prepared, Demonstrated, Trained, and Placed MVDLs in Gyumri, Vanadzor, and Goris!***

We are reaching out to you, our supporters, to help us cover the second phase of this vitally important task. Our objective is to supply *Armenia, Artsakh and Javaghk* with total of 10 M.V.D.L.s. So far, we have already delivered four units and need six additional ones to complete this vital mission. With each unit, we provide the necessary technical lab-tech training for 4-6 end-users in each marze. Our goal is to develop base-line diagnostic information and clinical data – to include parasitology, immunology, infectious diseases, feed analysis and other disciplines that will provide long-term value to the appropriate government departments responsible for sanitation, epidemiology and public health.



Dr. James Reynolds training Hygan Baghoyan, a summer volunteer veterinary student from Western University, in southern California, and Lala Tateosyan, from Gyumri Central Laboratory on how to carry out farm diagnosis of dairy cattle.



In Armenia, we met and consulted with the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Territorial Administration, Chief Epidemiologist and the head of Food Safety and Inspection Services, Central Laboratory and the head of Veterinary Services.

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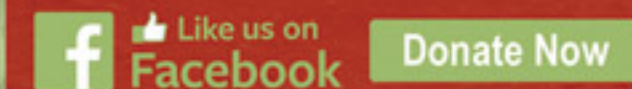
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International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center

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 July 7, 2016

Dear Mr. Der Simonian:

I am writing to follow up on our meeting in Gyumri, Armenia on June 14, 2016 when we jointly visited the farmer cooperating with the ATG. The day before I visited ATG facilities and fields and communicated to Mr. Gagik and his colleagues. I did not visit Armenia for several years and was frankly impressed by the fact that ATG is successfully functioning and continues working for the benefit of Armenian farmers and rural communities.

I have been working in the region of Central Asia and Caucasus for more than 20 years and met many NGOs. Unfortunately, most of them had very short life and limited impact. The ATG was in the opposite example of, providing sustainable development, contribution, and impact in Armenia and possibly beyond. I would like to congratulate you, your colleagues in the USA and Armenia for such a long-lasting enterprise and success, I also would like to confirm CIMMYT commitment for cooperation in the future and provision of new germplasm for testing in fall of 2016, as well as any other support needed and within our scope.

Congratulations once again and looking forward to closer cooperation with ATG.

Your Sincerely,  
 Dr. Alexey Morgounov  
 Head, International Winter Wheat Improvement Program  
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Dr. Alexey Morgounov (R) of CIMMYT, inspecting the wheat fields with Gagik Mkerchyan, Director of the ATG Foundation. Each year, prior to supplying the seeds for mass production, ATG tests the new CIMMYT seed varieties on trial plots in 7 growing zones in Armenia.



Mekhitar Grigoryan, ATG Chief Agronomist (L) shares with Varoujan Der Simonian, how ATG assists European Union and UN Food and Agricultural Organizations, (FAO) utilize ATG No-Till fields as demonstration sites.



**Our goal is helping growers provide for their families.**

Central to ATG's mission is the belief that a strong farming sector is the foundation for building a nation with a healthy and viable market economy!



**No-Till farming is enabling growers to reduce their operating costs and increase their profit margins!** Dr. Jim Reynolds, with his delegation, visited two adjacent wheat fields planted in Spitak, Armenia, with traditional tillage (L) and with the No-Till farming system (R). The No-Till system preserves 25% more moisture in the soil, hence, plants are not stressed but have more strength and vigor.