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John Kachelman

INTERNATIONAL

Georgia's on his mind

February 23, 2005

TBILISI, GEORGIA - Orphaned children in this former Soviet republic will soon be sleeping in beds once used by Harding University students.

John Kachelman, minister for the Judsonia, Ark., church, coordinated a nationwide shipment of aid for hospitals and orphanages in the Republic of Georgia.

Harding, in Searcy, Ark., contributed the beds and other groups donated bedding. Kachelman and fellow church members loaded two containers - about the size of semi-trailers - Feb. 4 and 5 and an additional two containers Feb 18 and 19.

Kachelman has coordinated relief shipments to Eastern Europe for several years. (The U.S. State Department has asked him to help coordinate aid for tsunami victims.)

Churches of Christ in Georgia are rare, Kachelman said, adding that he was glad to have the opportunity to show Christian compassion to those suffering in the emerging republic.

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