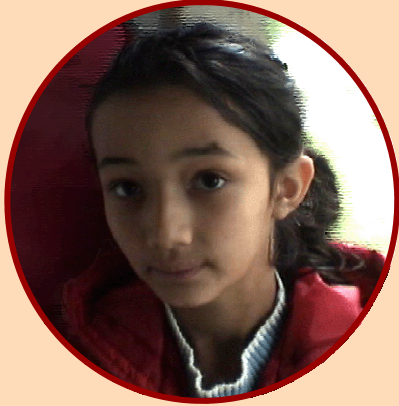




## Friends of Anatolia

*Merve's school is located right across her house. However, she has to travel for half an hour to continue her education...*



### YILDIZTEPE ELEMENTARY

Yildiztepe Elementary School is a small village located at the Gumusova town of Duzce province in northwest



Turkey. The province is struggling to prosper since a devastating earthquake shook the local economy in November 1999.

Yildiztepe has two classrooms, however one of them is too damaged to be used. Thus, only first through third grades are being taught in combined grades. Fourth and fifth graders have to be transported to neighboring towns to continue their education and Merve is only one of them.

The whole school building, including the toilets, the kitchen, the school yard, and the classrooms are in very poor, thus dangerous, condition. Our renovation efforts will improve the infrastructure of the school for all students and enable fourth and fifth graders to attend the school in their village.

Despite the poor conditions of the school building, kids of Yildiztepe are very eager to learn more about the world outside.



However, the school lacks the basic educational supplies to quench their thirst for knowledge.

Friends of Anatolia is committed to renovate Yildiztepe Elementary in summer 2006 with the funds it will raise over the next several months. With the support of our donors like you, we will expand the school capacity and

- renew the classrooms
- fix the roof
- lay floor tiles
- paint the walls
- repair the restrooms
- improve other infrastructure

and provide educational supplies.



Please visit our website to learn more about Yildiztepe Elementary School and our other school projects. Your donation will improve the lives of these kids and their teachers.

*"Because every child deserves a chance for an equal education!"*

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