

## **What Happened to Us During the War by Senada Mujajic**

I am Senada, the sister of Sanel, Sanela and Said. We lived during the war which was a dangerous place and time. We lived in our house in Bosnia. Our dad fought in the war that time. On the other side we saw the grenade right falling to us and it fell on our house that we were living in. And the other grenade came through the window to our room. In our room there were ten children and three women and our mom was with us. All of us were hurt by the grenade. Our mom; mine, Sanel's, Sanela's and Said's, she was hit by a grenade. The arm and both legs of hers were broken.

Just the time she was dead in the accident. My muscle was been hit from the right hand. Sanel's back has been burned and the right ear has been hurt by that grenade. Sanel and Said were scared of it and later they couldn't speak for a while. My dad's sister and her children were with us and they were hit by a grenade too, but nobody had died. Our mom was the only one who died.

When our Dad came home he did not find us in the house. He only found our mom that was all in pieces all over the room. Me and my two brothers and a sister were in the hospital. From the day she died we were without our mom. It was hard without her, we felt lonely. We did not have anyone but our dad. Our dad had to marry another woman. She has two kids. Their dad has been killed in the war. He was been shot with a hand grenade in the head. They don't have anyone but their mom. That's how we all get together. And now we have one more sister, a brother and a mother, but are thankful for all the help we get from the teachers because we are a big family and we need help. We all are on the welfare and we don't get enough for our family.

Our Dad told us that we could go to the USA because that was our only way to survive. Our apartment is very expensive. We pay \$1100 per month. And we get \$1642 altogether. That is only for the apartment, and clothing. That's why we will be so thankful if you can help us. We all go to school and we are thankful, my dad, my mom, Senad, Edine, Sanel, Husein, Sanela and Said.