



# MISSION MESSENGER



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## JUNE MISSION TRIP UPDATE

The June 2006 mission trip to Russian orphanages is now history. It is hard to believe that it has come and gone so quickly. Andrea Westwick from Austin, Texas and I had the wonderful opportunity to visit several facilities for disabled children in and around St. Petersburg. Here is a picture of Andrea with some children at Pavlovsk where we visited six days arriving at 10:00 AM and taking non-ambulatory kids out for fresh air each morning. Then after a quick lunch, we spent time with several of the older girls who were assembling ballpoint pens in the workshop. They were delighted when we began to work with them as we chatted. When all the children woke from their naps, we played outside jumping rope, blowing bubbles, writing with sidewalk chalk and playing catch.



We were also privileged to visit the children at Peterhof 2. Beth Shanklin of Child Development International had visited there in April and evaluated the children to assess their learning abilities. She had asked us to take some picture books to these kids, which we did. They loved the simple books we presented to them. One of the counselors was working with a large chart of animals similar to one of the books we brought. I pointed to an animal on the chart and the children would find it in the book. They had a great time with this game. Here is a picture of the Director looking through one of the books.



Many of you know Natasha who grew up in Pavlovsk. Here she is posing for a picture with her precious baby, Sushka at 7 months. Natasha is expecting another baby girl in December.



Many of you also know Anya from the Transitional Home. We visited the hospital where she works with children and I spent the afternoon with babies under a month old. Andrea was with some of the older kids. Some of these children are sick and others are here to be evaluated before sending them to orphanages. Here they encourage holding the children and giving them that "hands-on-care" that all infants need to thrive. We presented the hospital with 5 hand made quilts from Kelsey High from PA who made them for a school project. Here is a picture of Anya holding one of the kids wrapped in one of the quilts.



We visited Lomonozov baby orphanage where we met a couple from Ohio who were adopting two children. We spent time playing outside with several of the children born to moms with HIV. These children have not contracted the virus and are looking for adoptive homes. The playground equipment here was donated by a family in Texas and is beginning to show some wear and rust. If anyone is interested in spending a day or two painting, I am sure we could arrange it.

## **RADIO INTERVIEW**

Trans-World Radio interviewed Andrea and me for two programs that will air at a later date. We told of our reasons for visiting the disabled children in Russia and encouraged parents of these precious little ones. We were pleased to get out the message to all who might hear our voices. We are praying that God will move on the hearts of many who hear to respond to the need and start some visitation programs to the various orphanages in and around St. Petersburg.

## **WEBSITE UPDATE**

Pictures from the February and June 2006 trips have been posted on the website gallery. You may view them at your leisure at [www.lifelinemissions.org](http://www.lifelinemissions.org).

Also be sure to check out our upcoming November 2006 trip information. Now is the time to make your decision about this trip. Airfare will be less expensive in the fall, so we are estimating the total trip to cost somewhere between \$2000 and \$2500. This will include meals, airfare, lodging, ground transportation, interpreter's costs and administrative fees for visas and invitations. We already have some people committed to this trip, so get your reservation in soon by contacting us at [lifelinemissions@aol.com](mailto:lifelinemissions@aol.com).

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please remember the following people who will be taking a mission trip to Camp Raketa (Rocket) August 9 through 23. They are team leader David Schwedt of Gowanda, NY; David, Christine, Meagan and Stephanie Lagerlef of Silver Spring, MD; and Marianne Fanning of Houston, TX. It is not easy to organize a team this widespread, but God always comes through for us.

In addition, I will be having bilateral knee replacement surgery on June 27<sup>th</sup>. My doctor has said that he will have me ready to return to Russia in three months. I will give it just a bit more time, as I don't plan to return till November.