



Mission Messenger



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News From the Home Front

At last writing, we informed you that we would be working toward our non-profit status with the State of Ohio and our exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. Praise the Lord, both those things have been accomplished and much more.

In April 2004 the State of Ohio recognized us as a non-profit corporation. In June of 2004, we received our favorable determination letter from the IRS making us an official exempt organization, which allows us to receive tax-deductible donations.

October 2005 saw the end of operations for our sister organization, **Mission Global Outreach.**

We are pleased to tell everyone that we have assumed the work of that organization. We are honored at the vote of confidence from their Board of Directors.

January 2006 we launched our new website. Please check it out at www.lifelinemissionsinternational.org

We will update the site on a regular basis with new and exciting information about the work being done in the former Soviet Union countries. Many stories about the children will be added from time to time to keep everyone informed on the progress of the children we visit and encourage in the Lord. God has truly blessed this work and made it possible. We look forward to many more years working with the children.

Meanwhile, we have continued making several mission trips each year to the orphanages, baby houses, adult facilities and shelters in St. Petersburg, Murmansk, Apitaty, Moscow and surrounding villages. God has truly blessed this work and made it possible. We will continue to be His hands and feet as long as He keeps placing this calling upon our lives.

News From the Mission Field

Many exciting things happened on the mission field including a trip by Beth Shanklin of Child Development International along with Linda Fry and Karen Jones in November 2005. Beth and Linda worked with families from the My Family Institute. Beth develops learning programs for children with disabilities that their parents can administer. Linda is mother of three children with disabilities and was able to provide much needed moral support to these families. Linda and her husband, Louis, have adopted Lena, pictured below, from Russia.



They are also the parents of five other children, three adult children out on their own and twin sons about Lena's age and with similar disabilities. This is an amazing family with lots of love and nurturing

While on this trip, orphanage #2 in Peterhof was part of our visit. There the director asked Beth if she would evaluate her children to see what programs could help them. Beth was overjoyed at this opportunity and plans to return to Russia in April to start this process and check on the other children she has worked with for the past few years.

We were also happy to be able to visit the adult facility in Peterhof to see many friends from orphanages. At this facility we were blessed to have time to visit with the grannies we have made friends with in the past. They are always so happy to see us.

A winter team just returned from visiting orphanages 6, 23 and a private Christian Orphanage in St. Petersburg, Pavlovsk orphanage for disabled kids, and a shelter in Pushkin. It was a busy 10-day trip, but many seeds were planted and others watered and we now trust God for the increase.



Mel is pictured here having a great time playing with the boys at Pavlovsk. Mel is from New York and this was his first visit to the disabled kids. I don't think it will be his last.

The shelter in Pushkin is an apartment with no shower and very little room. There are about 25 kids that drop in from time to time. One of the girls is 19 and pregnant. Another is 14 and has been forced into prostitution by her mother to support mom's drug habit. They were pleased that we visited and even made baked cabbage rolls. We bought them some groceries, which Mike Cantrell of MIR delivered for us. They were very happy saying that they had used the last of their food supply that morning. We also left money with MIR to start renovations to the kitchen and to add a shower to the bathroom.



The children at the shelter received gift bags packed by a preschool in New York. They contained small toys, toothpaste, toothbrush and a picture of the child who packed the bag.

Upcoming Events

A mission trip is being formulated for early June by Louis Fry of Austin, Texas. He will be visiting the Murmansk and Apataty area in late May if anyone is interested in that part of the trip.

He will then travel to St. Petersburg and meet up with other team members to visit orphanages and adult facilities there. It is possible that the team may go on to Ryazan and visit orphanages new to LifeLine Missions International, Inc. You may contact Lifelinemissions@aol.com if you have interest in this trip, or you can contact Louis directly at lfry1@verizon.net or you may call him at (512) 984-4112.

Also a summer trip is being formed by David Schwedt of New York to visit a summer camp outside St. Petersburg. If you think you might enjoy working with kids in camp, please call David at (716) 532-5363, or email him at dkschw1@adelphia.net.

Would You Help?

Of course, we would be very pleased if you decided to take a mission trip with us, but that is not the only way you can help. Many people feel called to the mission field but cannot afford a trip like this. Your donation may make all the difference in whether or not someone can go to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The team members on these trips have literally touched the lives of thousands of children for Christ in the former Soviet Union countries. There are many needs of the children in orphanages and baby homes as well as those in adult facilities for the disabled and elderly. One such need is this shelter we visited that needs a shower. There are no beds for the children so they sleep on the floor. It would be such a blessing to get them some bunk beds and linens. Please think about helping with these needs. Baby homes are always in need of diapers and blankets.

Most of the orphanages need hygiene supplies, school supplies, linens, first aid supplies, vitamins and sometimes remodeling of buildings including bathrooms, which are very outdated in some cases.

Remember your donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt by return mail.

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widows in their affliction...

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