



# Mission Messenger



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Miki, Nadia and Sasha at the shore of the Gulf of Finland in Zelenagorsk



Milan, our interpreter, with his son, Phillip (on floor) and Charlie with Isabel.



Sonya from Pavlovsk will be 16 in August. We visit her each time we go to Russia.

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## A Very Different Mission Trip in June

June 2007 saw a very different kind of mission trip for LifeLine Missions. Our team, Miki, Charlie and Isabel Chastain from Atlanta, GA and myself spent two weeks visiting orphans and friends in and around St. Petersburg.

Isabel is only 9 months old so there were several issues we had to deal with to keep her safe. Miki took all of her food and we purchased bottled water for bathing her as well as drinking. It didn't help that their luggage got stranded somewhere over the Atlantic ocean for two days along with Isabel's car seat. There are no seatbelt or car seat laws in Russia, but with the new high speed roads, they are much needed.

We rented a flat to give the family a taste of what it would be like to live in St. Petersburg. The flat was a good size according to Russian standards, but small according to American standards. It was a challenge for us to find our own space.

The Chastain family is working with the Mission Society to become full time missionaries in Russia within the year. They are raising funds at this time for their 5 year commitment. If you would like to know more about the Chastain family and their call to work with the orphans in and around St. Petersburg, Russia, check out their website at [www.actsofadvocacy.org](http://www.actsofadvocacy.org).

## Our Visits to the Orphans

It always amazes me to see the interaction of all our teammates. God seems to know just who should be on a team. That includes our driver as well. The picture below is of our driver, Nikoli, playing his accordion for the kids at Pavlovsk. They sang and danced



whenever he played. He was a star wherever we went, and a very special part of our team. We thank him for his hours of driving and the time he took with the kids.

Yura spent his holiday with us at Pavlovsk. As you can see, he is always surrounded by



the kids. They love to spend time with him. We are very glad that he was able to spend time with us if only for one day.

We visited many of the children in the non-ambulatory building #4. Vonya was very happy to see Charlie and Yulia asked about Gretchen. They all looked healthy and happy.

## Fyodor for Homeless Kids

The kids at Fyodor are generally only there for a few weeks or months until the staff can locate their families and send them back home again. We met Marina who's mother died and her sisters didn't want to take her. She is a very intelligent young girl who wants to be a doctor and has been accepted at University



This little gal ended up at this homeless shelter because she got sick and her mom took her to the hospital, but never came back for her.

These are just a couple of the stories that we heard from the kids at Fyodor.

## Visiting at Adult Facilities

Many of the young people we know from Pavlovsk, Peterhof 1 and Peterhof 2 are now residents of adult facilities in St Petersburg and Peterhof, so it is only natural for us to visit to keep in touch and see how they are doing.

Susha is the daughter of Natasha who used to live at Pavlovsk. Susha now has a baby brother Sasha. Mom and baby are doing fine.



## Baby House #16



We heard that many of the children here did not have clothes to wear, so some ladies at our Local Aglow Chapter made them some dresses (over 30) and others gave shorts (25 Pair) and T shirts (30) for the boys. These children here have tested positive for HIV.

## Future Trips and Other Updates

A team will be traveling to St. Petersburg in October to visit orphanages for the disabled again and there are still a few spots available on the team. If you have a current passport that is good until at least May 2008, please let us know if you are interested in joining this team. Time is getting short, so pray about it and decide soon. Please email or call if you wish to join this team.

February of 2008 will see the Gowanda folks returning for another visit of orphanages, family and friends. There is plenty of time for you to consider coming along. You don't have to be from Gowanda or even New York for that matter. With the log-jam for passports, it would be a good idea to start that process now.

It is necessary to have your passport before you can obtain your invitation. Passport processing is taking 16 to 20 weeks and invitations take 30 days. That adds up to 4 to 5 months without any delays and February is only about 7 months away.

## New Way to Contact Us

We have a new email address. It is [info@lifelinemissions.org](mailto:info@lifelinemissions.org). You will find it on the first page of this newsletter. Our other one will be available for a short period of time, but please begin to contact us using the new one.

As always we continue to work faithfully as God is calling us. We have been blessed to be able to make so many trips this year and to provide for so many of the children. We are thankful to those who support us with prayer and finances. Each of you has a part and a reward in the work that God is accomplishing in Russia. We could send funds and provide supplies and clothing for the children, but what they need most is to know that someone cares and loves them. We can't show God's love unless we go to them, hold them, pray for them, hug them and play with them.

Please visit our website at [www.lifelinemissions.org](http://www.lifelinemissions.org) for more pictures and information on future trips.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, you may:

Pray for it

Give to it

Go with it

Please pray that God will continue to open so we can continue sharing the love of God with these children.

Your tax deductible donations are needed to help cover the costs of these trips as well as providing needed supplies for the kids..

Volunteers are needed to visit the children. More orphanages are requesting visits and assistance each time we go.

Please contact Karen or check the website if you are interested in a trip.

*...to visit the fatherless and  
widows in their affliction....*

*James 1:27*



