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Happiness is working on craft projects with American friends.

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February Mission Trip Sees Challenges

As we were preparing for this trip, many roadblocks popped up along the way that would have discouraged the fainthearted, however, we persevered and God was glorified.

Joseph was to travel on his U.S. passport, but the Russian consulate would not issue him a visa as they still considered him a Russian citizen. Joe is 19 and would be of draft age in Russia which caused much concern for his parents. Joe's parents, Roy and Esther Hendrix were to be our team leaders. They were disheartened and decided not to make the trip if Joe couldn't go. Joe, however, had other ideas and wanted his father to go and lead the team. Roy agreed and we were off.

While in Russia Roy had dinner with Joe's grandmother, sister and cousin. As he was telling them of the situation, grandma said that in the adoption papers were letters exempting Joe from Russian military service. Roy was ecstatic at this revelation and determined to have the adoption papers translated upon his return to the U.S.

We thank God for his provision and care toward his children and we are comforted to know that Joe can come and go on his Russian passport as often as he wishes without fear of being drafted into the Russian military.

GOD, YOU ARE SO GOOD!



Roy Hendrix of Gowanda, NY was our team leader. Here he is making friends with the pet ferret at orphanage #6.

Gifts for Children at Orphanage #6

Team members gathered supplies and money at home to provide much needed goods for the children at orphanage #6 in St. Petersburg. There were toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, balloons, crayons, toys, and candy in each bag along with socks and underwear for each child in the orphanage. The girls also received warm turtle-necks and some of the boys received shoes and boots that were requested as the orphanage didn't have any large enough for some of the bigger boys. As you see, the kids were delighted with all their gifts, but when we announced that we were taking them to a hockey game, well, you can imagine how excited they were then. Even the counselor that went along to supervise was very excited. Everyone had a great time.

For the two days we visited these kids, we had a great time doing crafts and playing games and just talking to them. We told the story of Joseph and emphasized how God was always with him through all his trials. We did a craft which consisted of hands that folded and on the inside were Bible verses in Russian that told of how God was always with us. On the palm of the hand were the words "Jesus said" and each finger had a word written on it to complete the verse "I will never leave you". We worked puzzles and made things with perler beads. Luscia sang songs with the kids and they had a great time with the hand motions. We all joined in and had lots of fun trying to keep up with the kids. The children showed us their pet ferret and parakeets. Everyone enjoyed our time at this orphanage.



Louis Fry of Austin, TX with Luda a friend of his adopted daughter Lena. They were always together in the orphanage.



Pavlovsk :Always a Trip High Point

As with every other trip, visiting Pavlovsk and the children there is a must. This orphanage houses 550 disabled kids. Some have severe disabilities while others have mild problems. All are hungry for love and attention and that is what we do best. As we look at these kids with the eyes of Jesus, we see His love radiating from them. It is enough to hold them and sing a lullaby, or get on the floor and play with them. Many of the children like Boris and Vova with their friend (right) love to have conversation with visitors, while some of the girls like crafts and games. We take lots of soft balls which all



the children enjoy tossing around. Many of the older boys enjoyed a rousing game of Uno with Roy, Joe and others on our team. It is a great way for us to learn to say different numbers and colors in Russian.

Visiting Good friends at Peterhof

Many of the young people we know from Pavlovsk or other orphanages for the disabled have been moved to this adult facility so it is only natural for us to visit to keep in touch and see how they are doing. There are also many grannies here whom we have befriended and they really look forward to our visits. Especially Granny Ira (left) who is very special to all of us.



We made bead necklaces and bracelets with several of the residents, using elastic string and pony beads. They enjoy having something to do with their hands. With 1100 residents at this facility, the staff just does not have the time to work with them and do these things on a daily

basis. They try hard to keep the residents busy, but they are glad to have us visit and spend time with our old friends and take time to make new ones.



Phillip Bankovich, 6 month old son of our interpreter Milan Bankovich & wife Anna.



My friend Dasha doing embroidery in the sewing room at Pavlovsk.



Lucia teaching songs and hand motions to boys at orphanage #23

Please visit our website at 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

