



# Mission Messenger



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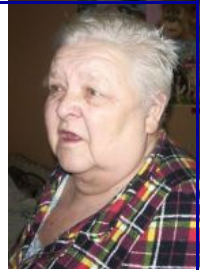
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## Time to Plan for the Winter

Now is the time to think about planning to make the winter trip to orphanages in and around St. Petersburg, Russia. There are lots of orphanages that want us to visit and we need more volunteers willing to go and visit with these children. All of these children are looking for just a little love and attention; someone to care about them. Are you willing to answer the call and go to the lost and forgotten of this world? If your answer is "Here I am, Lord, send me" please visit our website at [www.lifelinemissions.org](http://www.lifelinemissions.org) or contact Karen Jones at [Karen@lifelinemissions.org](mailto:Karen@lifelinemissions.org) soon to be included in this wonderful opportunity to share God's love with the children of Russia. The deadline for application at the published administrative fee of \$250.00 is November 1, 2008. You may apply later, but the cost of invitations and visas will be increased as it will be necessary to put a rush on them. Tentative trip dates are January 26, through February 7, 2009. We look forward to having you as part of our team.

## A Tribute to Granny Ira

It is always a highlight of our trips to visit with Granny Ira. We were excited to have the opportunity to see her again and were pleased when Lucya told us that she had arranged for us to visit on our first day in Russia. As we entered her room, it was apparent that she was not feeling well. We only had a short time to visit and then the doctor asked us to leave.



Granny Ira's breathing was very labored and her hands and feet were very swollen. I suppose from congestive heart failure. Lucya did ask her if she wanted to pray with us and she said yes. Lucya prayed the sinners prayer with her. About a week later at camp, I asked Lucya to call and inquire about her. As Lucya spoke to the doctor, I had an overwhelming peace and understanding that she was with her Lord. We cried and rejoiced that she is now at home with her Saviour and King. How blessed we were to know her and have just a little part in His great plan for her.

We were told there were 140 kids at Camp Horizon, but when we arrived there were 300. It was a "loaves and fishes" experience as God multiplied our supplies and all the children were able to make all the crafts they wanted. We even had some supplies to leave with the camp counselors.

## Our Favorite Camp Pix



Boxes from Greeting Cards



Fun at Camp Horizon



Our Team



Lucya and Friends



Craft Activities at Camp



Gelya and Nicola at Camp

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## September Trip Final Preparations

We have a great team of eight preparing for a trip to orphanages in September. Our team is made up of folks from South Carolina, Georgia, Maryland, New York and Ohio. We are pleased to have all of them and we are excited about their desire to love the children and spend time with them. Three of our team will be first timers and we know this is an especially exciting time for them.

We are planning some great activities with the children and one of our team members belongs to a knitting club. She plans to take along lots of warm sweaters, hats, gloves and scarves for the children we visit. Others are planning to take jeans, socks, underwear and other clothing items. Clothing is very expensive in Russia, so we are willing to make room in our bags for as much as we can carry. If you are interested in donating, please contact Karen as soon as possible.

Many of you know Miki and Charlie Chastain. They will be a part of this trip, however, they will not be returning with us. They are moving to St. Petersburg this fall. Please keep them in your prayers as they follow His leading for their lives. Pray that they will find a place to live and will be able to deal with the visa regulations limiting the length of stay to 90 days. We are believing that God will make a way for them and the many other Americans serving God and the children in Russia.

Please keep us all in your prayers as we travel and minister to these precious children. We will be leaving on September 5th and returning on the 14th.

## Anya's Kids



Our Interpreter Anya volunteers at an intake hospital where children are checked for health problems before they go to orphanages. These children have all spent time there and Anya has grown quite fond of several of these kids. The little guy with the dark hair kept asking if his mother was coming soon the day we visited. Tanya (right) was taken by her aunt just a few days after our visit. We are so happy to know that she is with family that love her.



Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:27 NIV



## Tanya Still Needs Medicine

We continue to provide funding to buy the medicine that is essential to Tanya's survival. We are now buying special food for her as well. Please continue to send your donations. It takes about \$100 per month just for the medicines she needs.

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

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 doors so we can continue sharing His love with these children.

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

James 1:27

Your tax deductible donations are needed to help cover the costs of these trips and to 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 helping.