



Mission Messenger



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GOD OPENS THE DOORS

We are so thankful to God for opening doors to us. We have been trying for a long time to visit adult facilities #7 and #10. At times we were denied entry and the young people came out and met with us on the sidewalk. More recently they let us in the gate, but we had to visit with our friends in the courtyard or in a cramped music room.

On Tuesday we attended a prayer meeting at the MIR office. That afternoon we visited #10 where we were only permitted a one hour visit. We were invited in the building and took the elevator to the living quarters of our friends from Pavlovsk. They were so happy to see us. They served tea and we visited and talked with them. Our visit lasted two hours. PRAISE THE LORD!

Wednesday at #7 the same thing happened. They prepared tea for us and we played games with several of the residents before being taken upstairs to their living quarters for more personal visits. PRAISE HIS NAME FOR ANSWERED PRAYER. GOD IT TRULY AMAZING!!

TIMES ARE CHANGING

As we all know, things are always changing in Russia. It has always been our goal to have our Russia team members keep a presence at the orphanages we visit when we cannot be there. Several of them have been doing just that. However, a few have been told recently that they cannot return until they have some medical tests and are declared to be healthy. Because of this situation, we are aware that Katya Reutina and Lucya Sabbotina who have been visiting #7 and #23 respectively have been asked not to return until they have had the tests and required documentation.

The costs of this testing and documentation can be \$50.00 or more per person. This is very expensive for these girls so their visits have been suspended. We would like to help getting them back into the orphanages by providing the funding for these tests and documentation. The MIR staff has told us that they can help with getting the documentation. Would you pray about providing some financing to help these girls? Do you know of others who need this help as well?

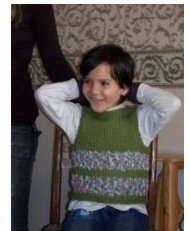


Stringing beads
Peterhof 3



Visiting at #10

SWEATERS FOR EVERYONE



Martin & friend



Games at #7 Adult
Facility



Mary & friend



These sweaters were provided by Children in Common knitting society in Maryland. They are truly beautiful and something special for the kids. We thank them for their efforts, love and care for the children. We hope to be able to take many more of these wonderful, warm and cozy sweaters with us in the future. What a blessing for the kids.

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Ahhh, comfort food!!!

Preparations For January Continue

We are now making preparations for our Winter Mission Trip. Trip dates are January 22 through February 2, 2009. Reservations and administrative fees need to be received no later than November 1, 2008, to receive your letter of invitation and visa at the current administrative costs of \$250.00. You will still have the opportunity to join the team after that time, but costs will be increased by the amount needed to secure your letter of invitation and visa at the time of your decision. It is important to get our paperwork started early as we will be working around Russian and U.S. holidays.

We will be visiting orphanages, adult facilities, transitional homes, intake hospitals and dormitories in and around St. Petersburg. Many of the facilities we will visit are for disabled kids, but we can certainly arrange for you to visit other orphanages and facilities as well.

The Children in Common knitting society who sent things for the September trip are again willing to send things for us to take in January. If you plan to go, please keep one suitcase available for these wonderful knit sweaters, socks, hats and mittens.



Scenes from St. Petersburg.

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.

Anya's Kids



As always, a highlight of our trip is the time we spend at the intake hospital. Children come here from some very desperate situations and are sometimes afraid and con-

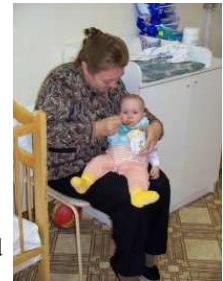
fused. Please keep this facility in your prayers as they minister to the physical needs of these precious children.

Once they are checked out and it is determined that they are



healthy, they are then placed

in an orphanage. Once in a while a family member comes to claim the child and give them a home. This is not the rule, but the exception. These children are precious gifts from God and it is our responsibility to care for them, pray for them and love them.



Please visit our website at 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.

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.

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

James 1:27