

# Mission Messenger



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#### **PLANS FOR SUMMER 2009**

We are in the final phases of taking applications for the summer trip in June 2009. We will be leaving on June 16 or 17 and return home on July 1. If you are interested, please contact us now to secure your reservation for the team. Our plans are to spend a week at Camp Horizon where we spent a week last year and then to come back into the city for a week visiting at Hospital 15, orphanages in Peterhof and Pavlovsk as well as adult facilities for the disabled and transitional homes in St. Petersburg. Costs for the trip will be in the range of \$1000 plus the administrative fee of \$300 and airfare.

For further information on the trip, please email or call Karen. Deadline to apply is April 1.

# **FACING DIFFICULT TIMES**

As we face difficult financial times in the United States, I was made painfully aware that the economy in Russia is also facing difficult times. The exchange rate was higher this trip than I have ever experienced it. That's great for us as our dollars go farther, but it is not at all good for Russia. Please keep the situation in your prayers as the economy all over the world continues to suffer.

God's plan for Russian orphans will still be completed in His time as we continue to lift up the needs of these children we have grown to love over the years.

This is a time when we must pull together as the family of God and care for those hurting all over the world. Now is not the time to give in, but to stand as He gives us the strength.



The Harbor has been working to teach life skills to orphan grads for many years. Their program is Christ centered and we enjoy spending time with the young people here and encouraging them as well as the staff. They always have fun games for us to participate in during the evening.

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Our team and some of the girls from Dorm 35.

We visited Dorm #35 on David's birthday and the girls were thrilled to be able to help him celebrate. David is in the front row in the blue shirt. I think he was surprised when we brought out the cake. Everyone had a lot of fun that evening.

### Natasha Asks About Old Friends



Natasha

It is always so much fun to see old friends and spend time with them. Many of the graduates from Pavlovsk have moved into facilities for adults in and around St. Petersburg. Since last summer we have been granted permission to visit these old friends at the #10 Adult Facility. During our visit this winter, we had tea with several of these young people. One special girl, Natasha,

asked about Kelly. It has been several years since Kelly visited Russia, but Natasha remembers her. Incidences like this remind us how important these friendships are to those we visit. Perhaps you have made friends with someone in Russia. Won't you please consider visiting again? I can only imagine the joy it would bring to those who remember you.

#### Others who asked about their friends



Sasha asks about Dr. Mike



Artiom says hello to Louis



All our friends ask about Sasha

## Anya's Kids



Anya works at hospital #15 where we visit often. Children come to this hospital to be checked out to make sure they are healthy before being sent to an orphanage. There are babies just a few days old as well as kids of all ages. Here Anya is with one of the toddler girls during play

We played games like Tri-ominos, Uno and Jenga with some of the older kids. This little girl to the right we saw later in the week at Kopino orphanage where she had been sent.

Below are other pictures of kids at the hospital.







# Tanya Gets Her Meds

A donation was received to pay for Tanya's medications for the entire year. PRAISE GOD. Of course, she will continue to need these medications for the rest of her life unless she receives a healing from the Lord. Please consider helping with her medical needs for next year.

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. ...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 provide 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.