



LifeLine Missions Messenger

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Changing Times in Russia

We have heard it before and I am sure we will continue to hear that things are changing in Russia. We are very blessed to be working the Natasha and Lena from “Hope for Children”. They have a great connection with the Orthodox church and therefore are blessed to be able to continue orphanage work. They continue to have small camps throughout the summer were small family groups and young girls come for 10 day to 2 week visits. Because they hold this camp at a private dacha they are able to share the Gospel freely. We are able to read Bible stories to the children, do Bible crafts and speak about the love of God freely. The picture shows Kristina reading from “The Beauty of Holiness” book by Delissa Harris. This is the second year we have used this book with the teen girls.



New laws have been passed that could limit the way we and others present the Gospel in Russia. Some Christian workers have been expelled and had their visas cancelled; not because of their Christian work, but because they had been in country for 10 years under student visas, but were not actually students.



One of the Bible stories we shared with the children was Noah’s Ark. After the story the children including Susha and Katya colored the ark and the animals. They created their own rainbow and we explained that the rainbow was God’s promise. Other times we shared the 10 Commandments and had some lively discussions about the meaning of the different commandments and how they are important for us as a guideline to our Christian walk. It was apparent that one of the older girls was bitter and resentful toward God. She did not want to take part in mealtime prayer and resented having to listen to the other girls read from “The Beauty of Holiness”. Please pray that Ksusha will open her heart to Jesus.



In January, we took funds to have this outdoor kitchen rebuilt. The sink was at such an angle that the dishes were sliding off the edge. As you can see it now has a roof over it, a concrete pad under it and the sink is level. There was also enough money to make a couple of benches. One of our tasks was to paint the structures and we enlisted the help of some of the campers to get this done.



We had fun sharing S’mores with the children. The kids and adults alike enjoyed these treats. Roasting the marshmallows was great fun.

The girls had a cooking lesson from Anya. She is a friend of Natasha and Lena’s who came for the day to teach the girls how to make a traditional Russian meal.



LUCYA'S HEART MINISTRY

Lucya continues to minister to orphan grads and at the children's ward of the cancer hospital. They have opened a second wing to house more children with cancer. Lucya continues to spend several hours a week at the hospital, visiting families at home once the children are released from hospital and attending memorial services to comfort family members. She continues to need your support to continue this work. Lucya has an amazing way of loving these children and their families, praying and encouraging them. Lucya will be getting married on September 24th. A couple of us will be going to the wedding and we would be glad to take monetary gifts to her and Vanya. She tells me she needs pots and pans as Vanya and his son eat a lot and she doesn't have pans big enough to cook for them. Please include a card and make your check out to Lifeline Missions. I will see that the checks are cashed and the money given to her and Vanya. Please pray for and encourage them in their walk with the Lord.



Won't you consider pledging a monthly amount to help continue this much needed ministry? Vanya would like to see the ministry to orphan grads expand, but your help is needed. Checks may be made out to LifeLine Missions with account 51

Our work in Estonia continues

Jane Snaith, founder of A family for Every Child Charity continues to work with us in Estonia and now doors are opening in Russia. Plans are being formulated for Jane to visit Russia in September to hold a conference on Abandonment Disorder in Children. She will be working with foster families in the Gatchina region. She recently had a book on the issue translated into Russian and has been to Moscow to assist the author in a conference there. Due to a generous donation, we were able to commit \$1000 to purchase some of these books to be used at this upcoming conference. We have about half the books we will need to help these foster families in Russia as they deal with the issues of previously institutionalized children.



Jane recently held a camp for foster children in Estonia. She continues to work with the children and foster parents providing training, compassion

These are the books to be used to train foster families in Russia. Jane had 2000 printed and funds are needed to pay for the printing and to transport them to Russia. Jane is donating her time for this conference and all we need to do is cover her expenses.



Future Plans

In addition to attending Lucya's wedding in September we plan to minister with Natasha and Lena again in Luga and other villages outside of St Petersburg where the need is so great. We also hope to have a winter/spring trip sometime from February to April 2017.

How You Can Help

Your tax deductible donations are needed to help provide much needed supplies and humanitarian aid for the kids we minister to in Russia and Estonia.

Volunteers are needed to visit the children. Are you willing to go to show God's love to these children?

Please contact Karen or check the website if you are interested in helping. Remember, this is YOUR ministry.

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

- Pray for it
- Give to it
- Go with it

*...to visit the fatherless and
widows in their affliction....
James 1:27*

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