



*"...serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13*

### **August 2005 Newsletter**

Hello family and friends,

September is just around the corner. School will begin and children will return to their structured school activities. A stone's throw from my apartment is School Number 1 of Illichevsk. It was first built when Illichevsk was just a village. God placed me here to be in the midst of the children.

A word about Karina who is now thirteen. August 24 was the one year anniversary of her accident. While in Kiev, she did receive one of the three operations that they had scheduled for her. Her bed sores continue to play havoc with her temperature due to infection. This is what is preventing the additional surgeries. The one surgery that she did receive did not have the best results. She is now in the Odessa hospital. We are seeking a family to care for her.

The big news is that the Free Clinic is now operating full-time, thanks to the generosity of many MUCH contributors. Two Ukrainian-operated non-profit organizations for children with disabilities – "House of Hearts" and "Overcoming" -- sought our help. After explaining my plan to serve 8 children with severe disabilities on a bimonthly basis and 12 children with less severe disabilities on a quarterly basis, I asked them to provide a list of children to fill these spots. They evaluated the needs of the children and suggested a different plan, based on needs for bimonthly or quarterly treatment. They returned a list of 33 children that could be treated in the same number of hours per day with our two therapists.

These children and their parents have waited a long time for help. There was nothing available locally and no specialists who wanted to work with these children. The directors of these two organizations want to do the most they can for the children and their parents and are actively involved in working with Free Clinic staff. "House of Hearts" has recommended 16 children to be treated during the next twelve months. "Overcoming" has recommended 17 children. We now have a year plan set to treat 33 children. I am anxious to watch this year proceed.

I will be traveling to the orphanage at Marganets in the next week or two. I hope to have good news to share with them from my board of directors. We have a number of projects on the drawing board. Some are ready and waiting approval. Most of all, the children have sent messages to me. I have physically been a part of their lives for three years now. They anxiously await my arrival each quarter. So do I. I expect to have much to share in the September newsletter.

Blessings of love and healing,  
*Mark*

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