



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

May 2005 Newsletter

Hello family and friends,

It is great to be back in Ukraine! God has given me a great comfort living in this changing country. MUCH has happened since my return. I have been to the orphanage at Marganets and to the spinal clinic in Saki to visit my children. Let me share what is happening.

Last year we provided \$10 for each of the graduating orphans for what they needed for their graduation ceremony. One of my board members asked, "Can we make a better investment in the lives of these children? Can we walk with them through life?" This year we were asked to provide additional clothes to meet their future needs.

Anatoliy, our representative, usually shops for clothes from a list given to him by the administration. I would like to share what he wrote. "In this Sunday, 12 children – orphans -- and their teacher and me went to the market. We chose the clothes and shoes together. All children were very happy and send to you the great Thanks. They have even tears out of joy on their eyes. It was their first purchases in their life that were bought by themselves. And I think they coped with this task very well. We bought clothes that would be good for graduation and for their further life."

This is what was bought for about \$530 -- ten pairs of girls high winter boots, 2 pairs of boys winter boots, 12 pairs of tennis shoes, 12 sweat suits, 12 jackets, 10 skirts, 10 blouses, 2 pairs of pants and 2 sweaters." Our involvement with the children continues to grow. God continues to provide for all of our needs.

In Saki, I found Karina with a fever and a staph infection. Since she couldn't continue her rehabilitation program, she had to return to the Odessa hospital for treatment. She has progressed from the re-animation unit to a regular room. She will be there for a month or two. She wrote, "I thank you and all people who support me and help me. . . . Before my injury I dreamt to be an actress. Now I understand that it is not possible in my condition. Now I have different dreams. They are to learn computer and to learn English." She closed with "Let God always be with you." At thirteen, she has already learned some very hard lessons. Please pray for Karina's recovery and that God would guide us in our care for her.

The exciting news is that the Free Clinic will now operate eight hours a day, thanks to the generosity of MUCH supporters. We will soon interview a second massage therapist in preparation for offering service to more disabled children.

Blessings of love and healing,
Mark

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