



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

April 2006 Newsletter

Hello family and friends,

I wish you a belated Easter greeting. HE IS ALIVE!! Jesus, the Christ, is risen! He is alive and working through MUCH in Ukraine (and around the world). He is the reason that I came to Ukraine, and He is the reason for the success of MUCH.

The children of Marganets have received many blessings since July 2002. The latest treasure they received is two large containers of Legos. Thanks to Richard and Nicki M. of Florida, the children now have a gift that will challenge their creativity and expand their imaginations.

As of this letter, more than two thirds of the Sweet Dreams II project is complete. With the goal of 142, we currently have 100 mattresses, 118 pillows, 110 blankets, and 113 sheet sets in place. The children send a big THANK YOU to all who made this possible.

Those of you in America who have lived, or currently live in homes that are not warm in winter can deeply appreciate the wonder of warm and comfortable beds. Others, like me, can only guess and be very happy for our children. We will continue the project until all of the children have new, warm bedding

The MUCH Board of Directors has approved funds to provide three additional hours of therapy each day at the Free Clinic. We now have three therapists that cover the 10 hours that the clinic is open. In a year's time, we may be able to treat as many as 50 children. Here is a story of one of those children.

Roman, a patient at the Free Clinic, has a very serious disability. During his mother's pregnancy, doctors strongly suggested that she have an abortion. She had some type of infection that would cause multiple problems for the unborn child. The doctors' prognosis was that the child would be completely unable to function in this world. But Roman's parents trusted God with this problem, and the mother refused to have an abortion. Roman was born with a lot of problems. He was operated on the second day of his life for a hernia. When he was brought to the clinic the first time at the age of 3 months, he could turn his head only to one side. His left foot had severe spasticity and there wasn't any movement. His right knee and right foot were twisted.

Now Roman is 8 months old. He has made a lot of progress. This little boy has a wonderful smile, he is able to balance himself as he sits, and he is a delight to everyone. When you speak to him, he listens very attentively. He pronounces different sounds and can even stand on his feet for a while with his mother's help. Roman is a bright example that God's prognosis was different than the doctors' prognosis.

Because of every member of the MUCH team here and abroad, children like Roman have a chance to experience the life that God created for them. It is a great treasure that I am able to share the wonders of what God is doing in Ukraine.

Blessings of love and healing,

Mark

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