



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

## August 2006 Newsletter

Hello family and friends,

We are rounding out the summer with quite a bit of news. In the summer of 2003 we were requested to help replace some beds at the Marganets orphanage. In November of that year "Sweet Dreams" was born. And by December 2004, 142 beds were replaced. As of August 2006, "Sweet Dreams II" contributors have replaced mattresses and bedding for all 142 beds.

### **SWEET DREAMS II IS COMPLETE!!!**

Because I am in the thick of things, I sometimes forget how important it is to use the best word to describe something. The name Free Clinic has been changed to the Massage Therapy Clinic to more clearly convey the focus of the service provided. In September, we will fine tune our program in the following ways. After serving children with many different disabilities during the past year, we realized that it was important to focus upon one general disability. We will work only with children who have Cerebral Palsy. We will give attention to the children ages birth to 5 years old first. Early intervention will provide the best long term results. Then we will make therapy available to children in age categories 6 to 12, 13 until 18, and if we still have time available, young adults will be considered.

In September, 5 children with physical disabilities from the clinic and their mothers have been invited to the church camp at Sanzjaka, 8 kilometers southwest of Illichevsk, by the sea. This will be a test event to see how the camp is able to meet the needs of these special children. If all goes well, we will develop the idea for next year. MUCH is funding this pilot program.

During the past year, our website has been rebuilt to better facilitate the ever changing needs of our growing mission. As of this month, *secure contributions can be made online from our website*. Go to [www.muchhope.org](http://www.muchhope.org) and click on "Make a Donation" on the upper right hand of the page. On one of the following screens, you will be alerted that both secure and non secure information are available and asked if you want to see the non-secure information. That is simply our logo banner across the top of the page. It will be displayed if you click "Yes."

This week we will do our best to tie up all of the loose ends for our September visit to the Marganets orphanage. You may remember my report that some of the children there have been sniffing glue. We have found someone to talk with children about drug and alcohol abuse. Once we have all of the permissions necessary, we will begin a developmental education program for the children to help them understand the dangerous results of drug and alcohol abuse.

In a related situation, I met a couple in Illichevsk today who work with Teen Mission. They bring teams of youth from America to interact with children in European countries and help the development of churches, similar to Ukraine Challenge. I think that God is telling me that He wants American youth to visit and pour out His love upon His children in Marganets. No one mission can do it all. Each seems to specialize. In God's plan, it seems that different missionary organizations can team up to build an even more effective outcome. The concept of team for MUCH continues to expand.

In September and October, I will report on new vision for the year, and for years to come. My faith in my Boss is the only reason that I have moved forward these past four years. Left to my own vision, I would be lost. God has prepared me for 46 years to begin the work that we started four years ago. Once again, I want to thank you for your participation in this mission of hope for the children. At this time, I am most grateful to those who made it possible for all of the children in the orphanage at Marganets to have a warm and comfortable bed this winter where they can dream sweet dreams.

Blessings of love and healing,  
*Mark*

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