



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

August 2007 Newsletter

Hello family and friends,

Our trip to Marganets was overwhelming. We met a Ukraine Challenge team from Granite Falls, NC at the corner of "Main and Church Streets" and directed them to the Baptist church in Marganets. It was here that they presented a Vacation Bible School for 65 children during the week. They also held an eye glasses distribution/Good News Presentation two afternoons. Amidst all of this excitement and hard work, the team kept asking me about our children at the orphanage. They came with a passion to experience our children and share God's love with them however they could. One afternoon and one evening they shared Gospel stories and testimonies, crafts, and presented the plan of salvation on the children's level of understanding. The children responded most wholeheartedly.

The door has been opened. The connections have been made. It is no longer only Mark and MUCH that are reaching out to our children. The Baptist church in Marganets has also expressed compassion for our children. The team from Granite Falls, NC has a burning desire in their hearts to help change the lives of our children. When I return in December, I hope to expand my relationship with the Marganets church and learn more about their passion for our children.

Ira's Insights

Thank you for your interest in my article last month. This time I am going to tell you one incredible story. This is a story about Roman N. You may have read about this child in previous newsletters. Now he is 2 years old. During his mother's pregnancy the doctors told her to have an abortion because of some problems with his health. They told her that he would be a vegetable. But Roma's mother didn't do this. Yes, this child *was* born with a lot of health problems. He had two or three operations. He couldn't move his feet because of they were deformed. After his birth the doctors said that he would never stand on his feet or walk. Since three months old he has been having massage treatment at the MUCH Massage Clinic. Today his progress is great. He can stand on his feet and walk holding on his bed for several minutes. He can climb up on to and down from a chair.

Roma shows a big interest in everything. He is a very clever boy. Not every child can recite a long poem when he or she is 2 years old. Once I came up to the bench where he and his mother were sitting. I addressed to Roma with a simple poem but he didn't repeat it to me. His mother told me: "This poem is an old one for him. That's why he doesn't repeat it. Now he will recite another one." Roma's mother told me the name of his current favorite poem. I was surprised. Usually children learn this poem at three or four years of age.

His father and his mother have a great hope that their child, Roma, will be able to walk by himself. Roma is from a big family. His younger brother is 1 year old. I also have hopes that next year or some years later these two brothers will be able to play, to walk and to run together.

Until next time,

Ira

Ira has her finger on the heartbeat of the clinic. She will continue to keep us in touch with all of the great progress of the children. I will continue to work in the park, preparing it for our children as they weave their way into society. We look forward to camp for 7 children from the clinic this September. We continue to listen as God guides us and shows us His perfect timing for all things. The September newsletter will bring a new face to touch your heart.

Blessings of love and healing,

Mark

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