



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

October 2008 Newsletter

Hello family and friends,

During my return trip to the Kiev airport to accompany Milan Anderson, visiting doctor of chiropractic from America, the Bible verse Matthew 10:16 came alive in my mind and my experience. "Behold I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; therefore be shrewd as serpents, and innocent as doves." Here is the story. Our driver asked us to meet him at a location that required two different lines on the subway. At the subway track, we asked directions. We listened closely to the explanation in Russian, followed the directions and found the second line. As we approached the track, I noticed that my wallet was missing. My wallet had been picked out of my front pocket.

My heart sank. I had just read a report from the American Embassy about identity theft. My train ticket, credit card and other things were in my wallet. At the moment, all I could do was continue my mission to get to the location where we would meet the driver. When Dr. Anderson and I sat down at a table to wait for the driver, I was still in shock over what to do. Then a surprise occurred. As he set his open bag on the floor, he pulled out my wallet and sat it on the table. The thief had dropped my wallet into his bag after he took what he wanted. His first words were, "God is really watching over you." I looked through my wallet to see what was missing. The money--less than \$25--was gone. The phone card, a value of \$5 was gone. Everything else was intact. "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want...." How big is your God?

In the 7 days that Dr. Anderson was here, he helped about 40 people relieve their pain. He had hoped to help more, but there were a number of factors that got in the way. Even so, the door has been opened. His giving heart, excellent chiropractic knowledge and skill, and his warm bedside manner, won the hearts of the Ukrainian people. They had accepted pain as part of life; now, people he treated have a new outlook.

Ira's Insight

My greetings to everybody. Have you ever felt that you had a grip on how things happen in this life, and then in one moment you meet someone who changes your attitude? It happened with me last week. I have called it a great surprise. It was my work with the manual therapist (chiropractic) who came from America. I had the privilege to translate for Dr. Anderson for a couple of days.

Before his coming I had heard some stories from my friends who had had good experiences with manual therapy. They had a positive attitude because their results were wonderful. It was a time in Ukraine when people who needed the help of a manual therapist began to go to the doctor who lived in Kobiljaky, Ukraine. People told stories of wonderful healing. At that time I could only listen to the stories.

Now I am ready to share my own story with you. For me, it was an unusual treatment that I had never watched or experienced. It was wonderful! After the first session, I didn't feel any pain in my shoulders and in my lower back. Then for several days I watched how people came to the doctor to be treated. In the beginning, some of them came alone with some guarded curiosity, but after the session, they brought their friends and families to the doctor. Even after his departure,

many people called and asked me to pass their greetings and thanks to him. Most of his Ukrainian patients experienced manual therapy for the first time in their lives.

*Until next time,
Ira*

Christmas Fund Raiser Kick-Off

Through our Christmas Fund Raisers, we are able to support pilot projects annually that go beyond our budgeted three major programs. In the June newsletter, I mentioned that our camp for the disabled has been taken over by the Illichevsk Baptist Church. Camp was a big item on our previous Christmas Fund Raisers, so this year we can direct more attention to other projects that have proven their value. In spite of the global economic crisis, we believe that God will bless His children through you. Their needs are small, and we believe that your hearts are big.

Marganets Orphanage, Eastern Ukraine, with 156 children during the school year, 60 children in the summer time.

- The Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program. It will be taught once a week--\$600/yr.
- The Massage program has shown very positive results--\$360 for 9 months during the school year.
- The Computer Class helps children enter the world of word processing and graphic arts--\$180/sch.yr.
- Music and Dance, a new program. Music and dance have always been a big part of the orphanage. This new opportunity will broaden their program and offer more to the children--\$180/sch.yr.

Marganets Transition Home processes as many as 26 children every 90 days.

- Last year we provided clothes and shoes for these children. We would like to do the same every year. The cost is only \$500/yr.

Dobromel Orphanage for Special Children, Western Ukraine, with 120 children.

- Clothing, shoes and food. The children receive our help through a local pastor. I have visited with him and am very impressed with his heart for the children. We would like to continue helping them with clothing, shoes, and food. This is our biggest project. \$1800/year.

Our Christmas Fund Raiser goal is \$3620. Last year, your response was amazing. If God is speaking to your heart this Christmas season, the children of MUCH ask you to include them in your generosity. They want to learn to help themselves through these programs. That is the ultimate goal and the mission statement of MUCH.

Blessings of love and healing,

Mark

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