



Dear Friend of MUCH,

The MUCH Board of Directors met recently to review our activities in 2006, to analyze our current financial status and to adopt a budget for 2007.

*The following programs and activities are **your** accomplishments.* It is only through the love and generosity of our contributors that we are able to honor our mission goal to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged children in Ukrainian communities and orphanages.

Thanks to increased giving by faithful friends, three more hours per day were added to the Massage Therapy Clinic in Illichevsk. It is now open 10 hours a day, with three therapists providing service to 50 clients per year. Without this service, the children would receive no therapy, and the opportunity for their bodies to be strengthened and to move better would be lost.

Accompanied by a parent, five children from the Massage Therapy Clinic participated in a pilot Camp Program at a church camp by the sea outside of Illichevsk. It wasn't clear whether the children's special needs could be met at the camp, but the event was an outstanding success. As a result, MUCH hopes to sponsor two camp sessions in 2007.

The Sweet Dreams II Project was completed. Last year, 145 new beds were provided to the orphanage at Marganets. This year, new mattresses, sheets, warm blankets and pillows were delivered for all of the beds before cold weather set in.

In January, the Inhalation Therapy Program at Marganets orphanage was inaugurated. Now treatment is available for children with respiratory conditions, so common in this cold winter climate in buildings with little heat.

The Give a Child a Gift Program was completed in plenty of time for Santa to order a plush toy for each child at Marganets Orphanage for Christmas. Now they will have something special to call their own.

After Mark discovered that some of the older children at Marganets Orphanage were sniffing glue, he discussed the problem with the administration and others. MUCH sponsored a pilot Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education Program in September. AIDS awareness was included. A trained drug awareness specialist spoke to 6 classes of children ten-years-old and older, with some children attending more than one session and sharing personal experiences. The response from the children and the administration was overwhelmingly positive. A second visit and program was completed recently.

June brought graduation at Marganets Orphanage where children who have completed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade have aged out of the facility. Some will go on to trade school while others will return to dysfunctional families that haven't been able to take care of them in the past. MUCH provided shoes and clothing for nine graduates so they would be dressed appropriately as they moved on.

All of the above is in addition to our monthly financial assistance to each of our major ministries--Marganets Orphanage, the Massage Therapy Clinic and Emmaus Food Program. At the orphanage every month, shoes, clothing and cleaning supplies are provided. The Massage Clinic operates on a ten-hour-a-day schedule, which represents our largest monthly financial commitment. Emmaus Food Program feeds two shifts of children five days a week. This year MUCH also provided financial assistance to the Emmaus Sewing Club for maintenance on the sewing machines previously purchased by MUCH and for purchase of fabric. **Pictures are on the following page.**

Our website, [www.muchhope.com](http://www.muchhope.com), has been expanded and is now set up to accept online contributions through PayPal.

**New on the drawing board for 2007, dependent upon financial support:**

- Transportation scholarships for Emmaus students to attend post-high school programs in Odessa. The government pays for schooling but not transportation.
- Expand the camping program for Massage Therapy children, partnering with Gateway to Life, a branch of Joni Eareckson's Joni and Friends.
- Training of a drug and alcohol educator to take over the Marganets program which will be run by a volunteer from a local church.
- Networking with Ukraine Challenge and Baptist pastor to bring recreation and spiritual support to Marganets Orphanage.
- Networking with Mercy Truck/YWAM to bring dental services to Marganets and other MUCH related areas
- Development of a program and an accessible park area devoted to the disabled in Illichevsk. Networking with newly appointed government sports and youth director for the city.
- Website picture gallery

Given our modest budget, Mark finds ways to support our work through contacts with other organizations. He is the face of MUCH in Ukraine and has gained the respect and cooperation of local officials and organizations. **Mark will be coming to America in February for about ten weeks, and will be available in North Carolina, Florida and possibly Pennsylvania to speak to groups about his work.**

As always, we are thankful for your continued financial and prayer support and send warmest wishes for blessings of peace and love.

MUCH Board of Directors