



# ALONE NO MORE

## "BEING JESUS TO ORPHANS"

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

*Our spring has finally come!*

*By God's mercy, the frosty days and the "fire" of Russia's presidential election campaign are far behind! The children from the Ivanovsky orphanage are putting paper ships into the streams, the Mokva orphans are preparing for their exams and those graduating are getting ready to move (the house for the residential "Training farm" program is nearly ready).*



Thanks to your support! We continue our regular classes in the "Flight School of Life" (formerly "School of Life Pilotage") in the Mokva orphanage where 24 teens, split into three groups, have weekly lessons. We gather at "New Testament" church. The purpose of these meetings is evangelism, Bible study and also familiarization with the Christian culture.



We discuss different life situations teens face every day from a scriptural point of view. This helps them find good answers, solve problems and, what is most important, it raises the authority of God in their life – life that as a rule has never had any authorities at all. Most of the "Flight School of Life" teens are "problem orphanage teens", both girls and boys. I cannot speak



much here as it's too personal, so I will not call any names. I can just tell that most of the boys from our group have come through criminal prosecution for crimes they have committed; some girls have some prostitution experience, have had abortions or were raped. Such things always leave their marks... So it is our great honor, great privilege and great responsibility that through our ministry we can open the Light of God's Word to these wounded hearts. We appreciate what we have!



In my previous letter I mentioned Sergey Soklakov, the father of two girls at the orphanage, and students of our "Flight School of Life". Through his daughters he came to faith and now is in a Christian Rehab centre for alcoholics. He is praying for his daughters and for restoring the family. For me his story is a real miracle of God's Love and Care. Praise Him!





Since January we have been leading our "Flight School of Life" meetings in the Ivanovsky orphanage. It became possible only thanks to your support and prayers! We decided to have that group open for everybody. That is why, beside kids from the graduating class, about 30 children from the other grades came as well. They enjoy participating in our

discussions, playing games and just having fellowship. Some of the future graduates (Ruslan Velyukhanov, Cristina Belozyorova and Dennis Alyabyev) and planning to study in Kursk and we are praying for them to become closer and closer to God and to be a part of "The Harbor of Kursk" our residential program for helping orphans learn life skills and be prepared for independent adult lives.



We haven't forgotten about our young friends from the Peny and Lachinovsky orphanages. Depending on our budget we visit them once or twice a month. We go there with our Special Christian Theatrical Program, with gifts and lead Bible study lessons in small groups. Such meetings let us build good relationships with the children, and that opens the way to evangelism from

heart to heart.



Please join us in prayer for the "Training Farm" Project. It's a residential program for orphanage graduates who have left their orphanages but do not have any place for living at the moment. They will live in the house and have opportunity to earn a little money through farming. For many orphanage graduates it is very important as they cannot rent any place to live. Besides, they have very poor work skills. Our Christian counselors are called to help them solve these problems. Besides, some of our female graduates are a little physically and mentally disabled. It is very difficult to find a job for them and it is more difficult keep work once they've found it. The "Training Farm" Project is meant to solve this problem as well. The girls will have a chance to earn their daily bread without any pressure and mocking. During the

winter we managed to remodel the house ourselves; now we are bringing in furniture. Soon we will start building a barn for live stock. We need your prayer support very much. If any of you have some animal husbandry experience we would be happy to glean your advice!

Summer is coming soon and it means camps and canoe trips. We are planning to have camps at the Ivanovsky and Lachinovsky orphanages, a canoe trip with the Mokva orphans and to have a tent-camp for kids from various orphanages. The main goal of all these projects is evangelism and relationship building with orphans. The second but also very important goal is teaching them some relationship skills and other life skills that are necessary for kids who grow up without parents.

I am grateful to God for you and for your concern about the Kursk region orphans who through the "Alone No More" International Ministry team see faith in God modeled, and find hope for success in life and confidence in themselves! Praise God!

*"When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not go over it again; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow" (Deuteronomy 24:21).*

*May God bless you!*

*In Him,*

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