

*"O give thanks to the LORD;
for he is good; for his mercy
endures for ever" (1
Chronicles 16:34).*

*The Holy Scripture words sound as
a tocsin in this hard for our country
time. The foundations are falling*

*down about our ears, our economy is wobbling and the political forecasts are becoming more and more dismal...But
we are God's children, we are the citizens of the Heaven Country and our definite and clear goal is to share the
Gospel with this world, to save those who are doomed to spiritual and sometimes physical death. Christ is with us!
And that means life goes on! By God's mercy, we managed to save the dynamics of all the Projects that are aimed to
evangelism, studies and social support of the orphans.*



families. Thus we develop spiritual fellowship with them. We teach them to knit slippers out of different colors yarn. This job makes them busy and gives some addition to their small pensions (not all of them have a pension though).

The Project "The Country Needlewomen" (the settlement of Korenevo) for the orphanage graduates, the girls with some mental disabilities, is progressing this year more actively than last year. We visit them regularly: we share the Gospel with them and teach them some labor skills. We sometimes invite the girls to Kursk. They visit our



It helps them survive under the conditions of some social isolation and unemployment. The participants of the project are Elena, Olga, Svetlana and Natalya. Sometimes they are joined by some other orphanage graduates who also graduated from the orphanage for the children with some special mental needs. The time of our fellowship is just unique! The girls are changing: the transformation is obvious. They can see that there is another way of life, opposite to the one they are facing, with its swearing, cruelty and intrigues. They hear about Christ, communicate with the mentors who are demonstrating the Christian behavior to them and their attitude to life. All this helps their transforming.

Some time ago Elena and Olga came to Kursk. They visited one family and spent a day there. They talked with the kids, they knitted and talked about the Bible. Their mentor was surprised how they were behaving there! It was not typical of them at all! Not a rude word, no aggression, only politeness and work. The girls themselves were surprised and mentioned that they had never been so happy before!

The sales of products (i.e. the slippers knitted by the girls) is one of our main goals. This small money got from selling the slippers is of great importance for the girls living in the country. If you are interested in buying a pair of more of handmade pretty slippers we will find the way to deliver them to you.



We started the new Program. It's the Puppet Theatre for Kids.

We have our meetings in the Central orphanage in Kursk. 30 children of different age are busy there. They play different games, have fellowship, learn the basics of the theatrical art, listen to some Bible stories and learn more and more about Christ.

All this is done under the leadership of our Christian mentors. All the children are happy to be there and are looking forward to every new meeting!

The School of Piloting Life is also still very popular with the orphans. We have our weekly classes in three orphanages with 8-25 teens in each group.

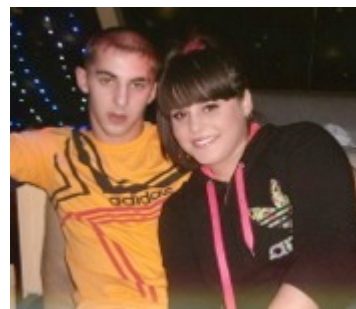


They gain some important life skills there, such as cooking, the right way of fellowship and planning their life; they learn how to make money in an honest way and how not to become the victim of a swindler. But our main goal is to teach them to understand and to love the Bible and to listen to the voice of Christ! The preparation for the lessons and delivering them need a lot of time and finances. We are grateful to the Lord for sending to us all we need during all these years! It would be impossible to do this full-on project without your support! The Project is of great importance: the children learn the Truth; we have close fellowship with them helping them heal the wounds they got in their childhood; after graduation they become our active assistants in doing the programs for senior orphanages students.



One of such programs for orphanage grads is the Training Farm project.

The goal of it is to impart some business and work skills to the young men (orphans): they lack these skills very much. By this time the guys who had been living at the farm and working there have already left the farm (except Russlan). Victor has



joined the army and two Andreys have entered a vocational school. God is really touching Russlan's heart. He has two sisters, Masha and Irina. He is on friendly terms with Masha. As for Irina, she has some mental problems and Russlan has been ignoring her all these years. We began to pray for this problem and talking with him about it. And recently we learnt the news: she had her birthday, he bought a very good gift for her and went to congratulate his sister! God can change hearts and it's a great miracle!



The construction works at the farm are on the uptick. We have installed the windows, made the fence, installed the warm doors, dug and concreted the canalization. We are finishing the cladding of the farm building. Now we are focused on making one more place for living for guys (the mentor's room will be there). Without the mentor who could constantly stay there the project sometimes becomes impaired. That is why we are planning to prepare a room for the mentor so that the next project participants will stay there under

his leadership. We are working hard, as some of the future orphanage grads have already showed their willingness to participate in the Project.

In December and January we traditionally visit many orphanages in Kursk region. We tell the children about Christ, have some fellowship with them and give them Christmas gifts. This year God blessed us with enough



money for that. But it is more and more difficult to plan our buying and to get the necessary papers for visiting the orphanages located close to the borderline, the economic and political situations becoming more and more complicated. But we still determined to accomplish all we have planned to do to the glory of God for the sake of the



children who are looking forward to seeing us there. **Please join us in prayer!**

Dear friends, we can all see how quickly the world is changing, how quickly the state of mind and the attitude toward one another are changing! It's terrible. In all this we can obviously see the hand of God's enemy. But if we are in Christ, aren't we united? What else in the world can knit people so close together like the Lord knitted us in His Church? We are here, and we need you there! We are praying and hoping that you there are praying for our country, for our people, for our government and of course for the orphans the rights of which we for the sake of Christ are called to protect!

Thank you for your partnership and support in this year! I am praying with hope for the next year for us to keep being faithful to God, for keeping our love to each other, for our dedication in prayer and sincerity in ministry!

Merry Christmas to you!

Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! In Him, Ilya

