

Little Tanya's Orphans & Needy Kids

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My dearest friends,

Close to the end of May I had a birthday party at the orphanage in Brest for the orphans who were born in spring and summer and also for 5 needy kids who are in families with many children. There were about 80 kids in total. The kids were so excited when they saw me with these treasures:

For this special day the teachers made an unscheduled shower-day so the kids were clean and dressed in fresh clothes. (Normally kids have a shower-day once a week and so they wear the same clothes all week long). I should say that on that day the orphanage had "guests" over (government officials came to inspect the work and activities) and at first the director of the orphanage didn't want me to do the program. I promised to be very careful with my words and wouldn't let him down. I said that this birthday party will give good credits to the administration of the orphanage. The director accepted my idea.



I wasn't allowed to take any pictures during the program. I took this picture before the program.

The birthday kids were singing, dancing and reciting birthday poems, so it looked like a little concert. The government officials were very satisfied and the orphans enjoyed the party and the gifts.

After the evening party I went with the littlest group of kids to help them to get ready for bed. When they were all in bed, I read them a story from the Bible for Kids. At the end I prayed for them and was about to leave. Suddenly I heard some sniffing.

I went to investigate. Most of the children were already asleep. Then I found one little boy hugging his little bear that he had received for his birthday and was crying. (This boy is new in this orphanage. He was taken away from his alcoholic parent. The police had found him at the dumpsite where he'd been looking for something to eat). I asked if he was crying because he didn't like his gift. He said he loved the gift and that he wouldn't exchange it for anything.

I took him in my arms. He was sitting on my lap and crying. I told him that he is so loved. I told him about Jesus who loves him so much and about the people from across the ocean who love him and orphans like him, too... and that all of the gifts were sent from them. He said he never had any toys, ever. He thanked us for his bear and asked if he could have some more. 🐻

I told him that Jesus hears prayers of the little orphans and that he should ask him for whatever he has in his heart. He said he doesn't know how to pray. So I prayed with him. After inviting Jesus into his heart he said at the end of his prayer: "Jesus, please help my mommy and daddy stop drinking and get to know You. I miss them so much and want to go home. Auntie T. said You make miracles... Can you please make a miracle for my parents?! I will give you this bear of mine. Please, Jesus!"

He was sitting on my lap after his little prayer until he fell asleep. I put him back to his bed and gave him a goodnight kiss. My eyes were in tears. Instead of asking for more toys, when it came to the actual prayer, in exchange for his stuffed animal that he has just received, he asked for salvation and freedom from alcoholism for his parents.

My dear friends please pray with this boy for the miracle he awaits from Jesus for his parents. Unfortunately, there are many kids like this one and they are called 'social orphans' or 'orphans with the living parents'. They cannot be adopted and 99.9% of them will grow up in the orphanage.

If I may please ask you to pray for my personal needs. In my workplace everyone was dismissed to have 3-month unpaid vacation (until 2nd week of September). On the 2nd week of June we were sent away. On one hand I have more time to minister to the kids and I do so. But on the other hand, if I don't work, I can't eat and pay the apartment rent and necessary bills (the rent and the bills are \$280 per month).

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Love, Little Tanya