

# WL4K REPORT 2010: Active Young Leaders

Dear Partner,

As we look back, we are amazed at how much the Lord has done this year. In spite of economic hardship, rising prices, and constant pressing needs, we have seen the increase of our work, and were able to have **TWO SUMMER CAMPS!** Thank you for ongoing support making all this happen! We hope you will rejoice with us as you read on.

This year has been the time when we were reaping what had been sown in previous years. Our teens, who first came to us as angry bitter orphans, have become active leaders serving their peers with great love and passion for God. They are taking on quite a large portion of the work we used to do, such as doing all of the activities and chores at our Summer Camp! **8 of them have become officially recognised church youth home group leaders!**

As these teens step into ministry, they are **experiencing REAL MIRACLES!** One of our young leaders, Yura, was visiting a new orphanage with a social programme. During the programme, an orphan boy kept asking him, what his name was, and where he came from. Finally, he asked, 'Do you have any brothers?' At this point, Yura looked closely at his face, and ... **recognised his long lost brother!** He had lost all contact with Lyosha and thought he was adopted into Italy! Can you imagine the joy of finding a brother you have not seen for 10 years? Truly, with God all things are possible: once Yura had found his Heavenly Father, the rest of the family was found as well! Now Lyosha accepted Jesus and comes to us on weekends.

Here are some more of the areas we have seen the Lord move powerfully this year:

- **SERVING ORPHANS AT OUR WARM HOME**

Our Warm Home continues to be a blessing to our teens or any orphan needing shelter. We have **6 teens staying full time and then every weekend we receive 30 to 50 teens**, most of them new. They come to spend time with us, attend church and home group. **This group is done entirely by our young leaders!** All of our former orphans are faithfully attending church and growing in Christ. **Three teens were water baptised.** Sometimes, when we all get together, our Warm Home seems too small! We are expecting at least 50 of our children to come to spend Christmas with us! It will be a big and happy family reunion, and most of them are really looking forward to it! We continue our **counselling and therapy** with the orphans and our teens. As usual, we also help them with retrieving their documents and job hunting.

- **ENLARGING OUR INFLUENCE**

This year **we were privileged to hold a special educational seminar for directors and workers of orphanages!** For a country that maintains close ideological control of educational institutions, it is an honour to be **ALLOWED,**

## 2010

- **8 of our protégés became youth leaders**
- **2 Summer Camps held**
- **21 orphans and 9 deaf orphans attended our summer camps and accepted Jesus as their Saviour**
- **Social programmes for 446 teens in 5 orphanages**
- **Warm Home operating, with 6 teens staying full time & 35 in average coming every weekend**
- **3 new orphanages involved**
- **Weekly home group for teens, with our youth leaders being in charge. The leaders also attend a home group for accountability and spiritual growth**
- **3 water baptisms**
- **Special Training Seminar for Directors and Social Workers of Orphanages held**
- **1 personal growth seminar held for 14 teens**
- **Our teens took part in Floor ball Championship in Ukraine and took 3<sup>rd</sup> place**
- **2 International Mission Teams accepted**
- **Individual help to needy orphans**
- **Humanitarian aid given out**

*Yura and Lyosha*



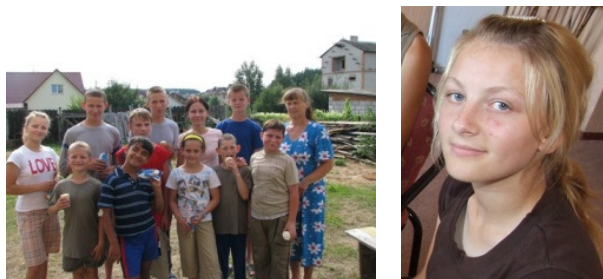
moreover, even **INVITED** (!) to teach orphanage officials. We thank God for winning us favour with men – and women – who are in charge of these educational institutions, and their bosses.

Our sphere of influence enlarged as well, as **we have started working with 3 new orphanages!** We pray God will bless us with more resources and people, enabling us to share His love with more teens who need Jesus in these orphanages. Our social programmes, which open the way for the Gospel into orphanages, were attended by ... teens, who learned the principles of godly life and of God's love for them. As a new way in, we have started using sport. Our teens play floorball in orphanages and, besides winning the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a Ukrainian Championship, that has also won them have made many new friends among orphan teens.



- **SUMMER CAMPS**

This year we held... **TWO Summer Camps!** One of them has done specifically for **9 deaf orphans and held at our Warm Home.** All of the orphans accepted Jesus in their heart, and learned new sign language gestures: J-E-S-U-S being the first! At the end of the camp, as we came into one room to wish a goodnight to one of the girls (pictured), we saw her praying to God in sign language, something she had never done before!



The second camp was our traditional Summer Camp of Post-Orphanage Adaptation. However, **it was untraditional as everything that was done there, was done by our youth leaders!** They laboured non-stop sharing the Gospel with their peers. For us, as their spiritual parents, it is such a joy to see them mature in Christ, and we thank God for them. **As a result of the Summer Camp, 21 orphans accepted God as their Father!** Many of them attend our weekly home groups at the Warm Home.

- **PROVIDING FOR MATERIAL NEEDS**

This year we had **half a container of humanitarian aid** (from **Chernobyl Children's Relief**) which was gladly received by our teens who all lack finances to buy clothes. We are so thankful to our Partners who made it possible!

- **RECEIVING MISSIONARY FRIENDS**

Though we have to be careful, we are always delighted to receive friends, especially our Partners. This year, we were able to welcome two missionary couples who came to visit us. **Please know that our doors are always open to you! YOU ARE PRAYED FOR AT OUR TEAM MEETINGS!**



- **PERSONAL NEWS**

This summer A and V's baby girl was born. She is a joy to everyone around. (Until unrest settles, we can not reveal our identity)

### **FAITH PROJECTS FOR 2011**

- 1) Working with 2 new orphanages and having 50 new teens
- 2) Repairing the Warm Home, allowing more space for hosting orphan teens
- 3) Buying a summer camp site
- 4) Building houses for orphans when they receive free land from state
- 5) Going on mission trips with our teens
- 6) Becoming a top team of Belarusian Floor Ball Federation to compete internationally



**DEAR PARTNER, ALL OF THIS WOULD HAVE NOT BEEN – AND WILL NOT BE – POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOU! THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, YOUR FINANCES, HUMANITARIAN AID AND LOCKING ARMS WITH US IN REACHING ORPHANS WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST!**

*With best wishes, VL and WL4K Team*