



AUTUMN NEWS 2009

Dear Partner,

We apologise for the delay in our Newsletters and correspondence as at the moment we are under enormous external pressure. It is not just the economic pressure but ideological pressure as well. It is the time when ministries are closely watched, and we have to be careful of what we say and do. There are many allegations and general public is very suspicious of evangelism. In fact, all of the evangelicals are seen as sectarians due to propaganda in the media.

However, we continue to stay strong and, if anything, this situation confirms our calling and determination to serve the orphans of Belarus: "*But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound*" (Romans 5:20, KJV). We can testify to this through seeing His hand in what we do, as a new generation of young Christian leaders rises up as the result of this work.

WLFK SUMMER CAMP: A SUCCESS WITH POLICE MONITORING THE PROCESS

Yes, this time it was not the Secret Services, as in previous years. This summer our daily camp activities were closely monitored by police! A police officer was staying there all the time, very suspicious at first. However, he joined in our programmes later and was even sharing during our programmes and serving as a Driving Instructor for our afternoon classes.

His presence meant, we were not able to pray with the **42 new teens** who had not heard the Gospel out in the open as we have always used to do but this time it meant that all of the prayers were done in private, in small groups. However, it did not affect the outcome as much as there were decisions made for Christ! At the moment, we are continuing to see new faces that come to us every weekend, and **our weekend programme caters for 35 orphan teens who are regularly attending church and our small group!** Praise God!



If you would like to experience what it was like, see the powerpoint presentation attached.

WEEKLY CARE FOR ORPHANS



INCREASING NUMBERS

During summer/autumn break we had 54 people in the house, which provided a few issues for catering as well as staff/teens ratio. We have found that, unless something is done for the house, we are unable to accept more, and may have to refuse teens wishing to come to stay with us. Please stay in faith with us for breakthrough in resources enabling us to bless many more orphans.



PROGRAMMES

We are planning to run a programme for new Christians for 24 teens.

Also, we have resumed our programme of caring for special needs orphans. Once again, as two years ago, we have taken care of 4 teens, facilitating their employment and general well-being.

ORPHANAGE VISITS: GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS AND PREPARING THE GROUND FOR 2010

As usual, we are continuing visiting the orphanages, and with the Christmas coming soon, we are looking forward to the time of the year, when the doors open for us to talk about Christ and the meaning of His birth in otherwise closed institutions.



If you feel you would like to sow into the life of an orphan who has not heard the Gospel, a Christmas gift costs 15 USD and consists of basic toiletries and small treats.

It is also a valuable 'key' into orphanages enabling us to invite teens to 2010 Camp!

RISE OF YOUNG CHRISTIAN LEADERS: WE ARE A MOVEMENT!

At the end of this Summer Camp, the older orphans who have been with us for a number of years and have faithfully served as counselors/kitchen staff, made a very special decision. They have decided to return to next camp as leaders, i.e. as 'fathers' and 'mothers' next year! This is a much more responsible task, a task which they were learning this year as a result of police monitoring the adults!

The former orphans are taking the responsibility and are stepping out as teachers to their younger peers. We are excited to see this model of spiritual fatherhood and discipleship being established. They are going into orphanages with our programmes as well as informally to fellowship. **We are no longer just a family but are becoming a big youth movement!** We are looking with excitement at how this wave gains strength. The teens took the initiative and they are moving forward with it. As we are helping them with their work placements and encouraging them to aim higher, more and more of them are thinking of further education. There is a steady increase in our teens applying to Universities and Teacher Training Colleges.



Teens Leading a Programme at Camp

Please pray for us at this time of trial. Although we are limited in resources and time, we always appreciate your letters. We pray for all our partners and if you have any need, let us know and we will stand in faith for it with you together with our teens.

*With many blessings for you,
Varya Latyshevich and With Love For Kids Team*