



Christ for Ukraine

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Greetings from Donetsk

Prayer Request:

- **Family of Dorothy Sills** - for God's comfort after her death in March
- **Youth** - for wisdom in making important life decisions
- **Lord's church in Ukraine**— for maturity and stability



March 8 is **Ladies' Day** in Ukraine. It is one of the biggest holidays of

the year and celebrates all women from the ages of 2 to 100! In appreciation of our ladies at the Proletarsky congregation, the men decided to surprise them with a special dinner on Wednesday night, March 7. With just a little bit of coaching from an anonymous consultant, the men prepared

the food, set the table and even decorated the room. It was a memorable evening of good Christian fellowship.



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Welcome home Natasha!



Sunday, March 25, marked the return of **Natasha** (one of our teens) to our num-

ber. She was born with a rare, disfiguring disease which left her face deformed, affecting her hearing and threatening her vision. **Fresh Start Surgical Gifts** (www.freshstart.org), based in Carlsbad, CA, agreed to provide numerous surgeries free of charge. Natasha returned home to Donetsk to graduate with her class and will return to California at the end of the summer to continue medical treatment at Fresh Start.

Natasha's grandmother, Nadia, has been with her most of the time she has been in California, but had to return earlier this year due to serious health problems of her own. Ordinarily it would

be scary for a young girl to be so far away from home going through difficult medical treatment. Natasha has been richly blessed to be in the care of George and Helen Riley and their church family at the Canyon View Church of Christ in San Diego, CA

(www.canyonview.org). They have opened their hearts and homes to Natasha and Nadia and during this time, Natasha has become a new person, becoming much more outgoing and self-confident. Most importantly, she has become a Christian during her time in San Diego. Helen and George have given so much of themselves to help Nadia and Natasha and we love and appreciate them for it. May God bless the Rileys and their church family at Canyon View!



George and Helen Riley with Natasha on the day of her baptism



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“I know more”



Some of the most pleasurable moments in life are small, quiet and may not seem all that significant at the time. We had one such moment at our monthly

prayer meeting on March 28. **Zachar**,

who is 9 years old, led singing for the first time. Although his father does not attend services, his mother, **Natasha**, and one-year-old sister, **Vikka**, along



with Zachar, attend regularly. From the back of the auditorium, Vikka was scream-singing loudly in support of her brother. We expected one or two songs, but Zachar led about six and added, “I know more”.

His grandmother **Galina** passed away last year, but her Christian influence lives on Zachar. We are thankful for this family and for what they mean to the Lord’s church and we pray Zachar will continue to grow and develop in the Lord.



Zachar and little sister, Vikka

His Kids Too

Many of you know that from time to time we have the opportunity to work with **His Kids Too**, a Church of Christ charity based in Tallahassee, Florida. **Teresa Fillmon**, founder and director, is currently in Ukraine, distributing donated items and making plans for a summer camp for orphans. Check out the current Christian Chronicle for an article about the Fillmon family. ‘God Put Us Together’ at www.christianchronicle.org



Above: Delivering health kits



Above: Hot water heater for a homeless shelter



Right: Gift Boxes for children’s home

Diabetes Program



A few diabetics in Donetsk are fortunate to be a part of an assistance program administered by **Ludmila Torshina**, Office Manager for **Ukraine Biblical Institute**. Ludmila has directed the program since its beginning in 1989. Ludmila purchases and delivers

insulin and other medications, test strips, lancets, syringes and glucometers. She even accompanies members of the program on doctor visits when necessary. Quality insulin and diabetic supplies are expensive for average Ukrainian families and the diabetic assistance program makes it possible for these individuals to treat their diabetes and maintain their health.

The diabetic program is critically under funded and we’re hoping some of you will want to help. Monthly commitments or one-time gifts would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the program or would like more information, drop us a line.

Olga Babich, a sister from the Proletarsky congregation, is a member of the diabetic program.



Lynn with Olga Babich



Snap Shots!



Food For the Needy

Above: Lynn receives a “thank you” of home-grown eggs from a recipient

Left: Another special delivery!



Left: Friday night Ladies’ Class