

Christ for Ukraine

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Prayer Request:

- **Olga** – diabetic sister in the hospital
- **Nadya** – undergoing cancer treatments
- **Taisia** – homebound and in failing health
- **Masha** – for strength and guidance in upcoming major life changes
- **Rafik** – for self-control and discipline
- **Youth** – for wisdom in making important life decisions



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YOU Can help!

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10

As the congregation in Proletarsky matures, they are learning the importance of being 'givers'. The members are sensitive to one another's needs and the church tries hard to take care of those who are of the household of faith. However, we often come across opportunities for benevolence outside the church and our small congregation simply cannot help as much as we would like to (see 'What a Difference' on page 2).

Many of you have expressed a desire to participate in meeting some of these urgent needs. Just a few of the special benevolent projects many of you have already helped with include the following:

- Food for the Needy – monthly food packets for low-income seniors
- Making blankets for children's homes
- Purchasing food, diapers and medicines for babies in children's homes
- Purchasing insulin and glucometers for diabetics
- Providing a tutor for children in a children's home

Such projects are helpful in a variety of ways:

- * They bring glory to our Heavenly Father
- * They show that the church cares about the people in the community
- * They provide opportunities for local Christians to serve
- * They serve as good examples of giving and encourage the local church to do likewise

Thanks to all who have participated in these efforts! If you're interested in taking on a benevolence project, drop us a line at:

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"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Proverbs 19:7

Everyone's 'favorite' topic...



Hey - it's budget time!!
Aaargh – not a very pleasant topic but a necessary one. As 2007 draws to a close, we thank God for the opportunity to serve on the field in Ukraine. We are ever mindful of the network of congregations and individuals

who participate in the work and make it possible for us to be here. As we look forward to 2008, we are seeking financial commitments in order to assist with planning. If you have a desire to contribute financially to the work in Donetsk this coming year, please drop a note to let us know. Thanks!



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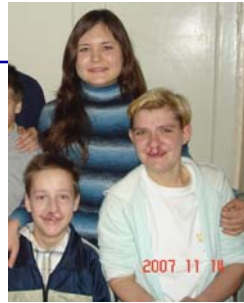
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What a Difference

In the month of November, several from the Proletarsky congregation had the opportunity to help two young people from a children's home in another city. These children were born with cleft lips and cleft palates. These conditions can be corrected successfully, particularly when treated early in life. For whatever reasons, **Artyom** and **Ira** were overlooked for many years. On November 12, they were brought to Donetsk for surgery to close their cleft lips. Members of the Proletarsky congregation visited daily, brought food and cared for their needs.

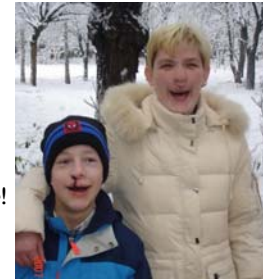
Subsequent surgery will be necessary in the spring and the church will be ready to help!



Masha with Artyom and Ira before surgery



Above: Kids with Sasha, Masha, and Ray



Ready to go home!

Thanksgiving in Ukraine!

It's not exactly a holiday tradition in Ukraine, but Lynn prepared turkey and all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving feast on Nov. 22. All present rolled home with big smiles on their faces!



Skating Party

The youth of the **Budyonovsky** and **Proletarsky congregations** enjoyed an afternoon of ice skating on Saturday, Nov. 24. At the end of the day, Sergei claimed to have fallen 64 times! After skating we enjoyed pizza at Lynn's and our annual "Dirty Santa" gift swap. It was a day of fun and Christian fellowship for the youth of these two congregations.



Sergei — not ready for the rink!



What about Dave?



Dave Doederlein continues to regain strength and has returned to work full-time! We thank God for his progress and invite you to keep up with Dave at: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/daviddoederlein>

Special Thanks to Woodbury

A great big thank you goes out to the church family at **Woodbury (MN)**! Your package full of encouraging notes gave us lots of energy to run on. Thanks for your participation in the work in Ukraine!!

Happy Holidays! From Ray and Lynn

On the Road Again!

As we scurry around for the next few days, one thought will never be far from our minds: We're going home! A few friends will see us off and we'll rock and bump all the way to Kiev during that overnight train ride. We'll climb in the big steel bird and ride for a few hours and then, all of a sudden, we'll be in Memphis- soaking in the smells, sounds and aura of Memphis International.

We're looking forward to seeing families and friends, worshipping at several congregations, going to Wal-Mart and gaining a few excess pounds. The anticipation is enjoyable and will only be eclipsed by really being there. How much greater should be our anticipation of going home to heaven. Time does its thing, loved ones go on ahead and we begin to feel the pull of home more and more. May God help us all to yearn for that heavenly home.

(Lord willing we will arrive in the good old U.S. on Dec. 13th)