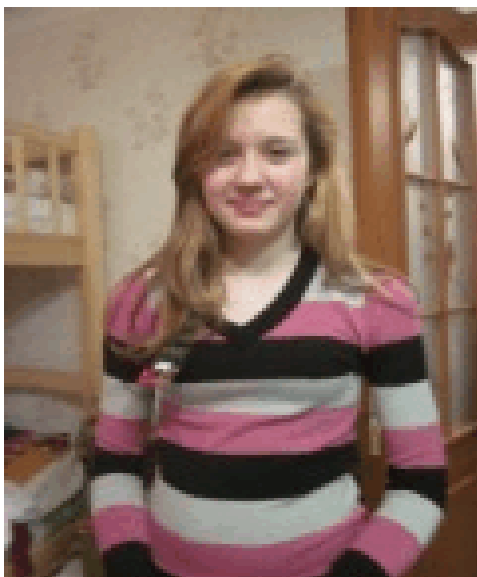


## Brenna Engle Foundation April/May 2012 Newsletter

Dear friends:

This newsletter spans two months since the end of April involved me (Rich) being in the hospital having total knee replacements in both knees. After a rough start, I have been recovering well, and continuing therapy to build strength enough to return to work sometime in July. I knew this would take a physical toll on me, but was not prepared for the emotionally challenging aspects as well. Specifically, there are many days when I feel like I should be doing something productive, but feel stressed because it is difficult sometimes to sit in one position for very long, especially at a computer. But despite this, I am pacing myself to try and do a little bit each day. One thing that I am trying to do is catch up on some reading. Today I finished "Myths America Lives By" (Richard T. Hughes). I am learning lessons on how God sustains us. Psalm 55:22 has been especially meaningful: "Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."

I am thankful that He continues to sustain the children and caregivers at Brenna's Home. Each of the nine children there are unique and special in their needs and abilities, and God continues to lead individuals to provide for their support and well-being.



Our newest girl, 14 year-old Sasha, continues to adjust well, and has had the opportunity to have some new clothes as well as some major dental work completed. On our recent "Skype" call, Sasha was able to show us her new smile!!

Sasha (this picture was taken before her dental work, that is why she smiles with her mouth closed!)

Several pictures from Easter-Lilia reciting a poem, with Tabitha Children behind.



The other photo shows Yulia and Ilona (Vala's daughter) in the kitchen at Brenna's Home preparing Easter dinner. Ilona has been helping out with a lot of responsibilities at Brenna's Home recently.

This is a picture of Sergei Kratuk speaking at church on Easter. Sergei was our first boy in Brenna's Home in 2005. He just completed a year in the Ukrainian army and we were happy to see him in church.



Work continues on the project to expand the balconies and finish the stairs connecting the apartments. The first picture shows Vasya sawing wood. The middle picture is of the metal stair frames, and the 3rd picture shows Sergei (Vala's son-in-law) and Vanya preparing and pouring concrete. This has been a big job, and we are looking forward to seeing the finished project! Thanks to all who helped provide funds for this!



Yura is in Crimea (southern Ukraine) for 2 months of rehab and therapy for his leg. Here is a picture of "mud therapy" and a nice picture of him by the Black Sea.



The last day of school for the children was May 25th and they are all looking forward to summer. Pavel and Pavlina have birthdays in June. It would have been nice to have been able to make a trip this summer, but circumstances just did not permit that this year. Please continue to pray for Vala as she makes many decisions and shoulders much of the responsibility for these children. She continues to seek opportunities to help more children. Next week she will be meeting regarding a 6 year-old boy who's mother is in prison for selling drugs and no father in the picture. The boy has been in a boarding school.

We are grateful for those who faithfully support our work through prayer and financial contributions. While we did not meet the goals of our recent fundraising activities, we will continue to move forward in providing a safe haven for children who need the love and nurture we can provide. We especially continue to seek sponsors for our newer children (Pavel, Sasha). Sponsorships are available for \$25/month.

Wishing you grace and peace as we enter the summer months! Love, Rich and Donna

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