

August 2011 Brenna Engle Foundation Newsletter

Dear Friends and Family:

" And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28).

Last week as we sat down to write this update we were "interrupted " by Hurricane Irene, causing water to pour into "Brenna's Basement" faster than our sump pump could get it out. Thankfully, New Beginning Church had been here the day before with their " Hands and Feet Ministry" building shelves, painting, organizing . Also, when Irene hit the basement, our good friend and neighbor, Peter, helped us bail out water for over three hours leaving the basement with minimal damage (we figured that we carried at least 2000 gallons of water during that time). After the situation was under control, several friends from church and work, and one of our Brenna's Basement volunteers, Gabriella, showed up to help us with the clean up, remove bins and dry out the carpet. Fortunately we had good drying days after the storm, and we able to get the basement dried out and reorganized and it is now " better than ever" after everyone's hard work. We praise God for his blessings and mercy as very little was lost.

Yesterday we were able to "skype" and see and speak with Brenna's Home. Here are some updates:



We welcome our newest addition to Brenna's Home, 7 year old Pavel. He is Kolya's brother and has started second grade.

Vanya had a bicycle accident recently and broke his arm in three places. He will have a cast for six weeks. He just started technical school, but will not be able to write for a while, only listen. Kolya has also started institute (college) for computer services.



Below to the right are Yura, Lilia, Yulia, and Pavel with their new school supplies. Schools opened September 1 in Ukraine.

Vala is having a meeting on Tuesday to discuss more children who may be coming into the NEW Brenna's Home shortly. She plans to write us with details this coming week.



As promised, here are some more photos from the camp trip:

Patrick leaving for camp for the first time. His mother , Galina, saying "Goodbye"

To the right are the children singing and praising God during a service at camp.





Patrick was able to lift himself onto trampoline and have a great time bouncing!

Four of the girls showing off their new soccer uniforms, collected at his school by Matthew Thompson, of Hopewell Junction, NY.



Donna did a lesson on oral hygiene with each group. Each child and adult at camp received a toothbrush and tooth paste, which had been donated.



It was encouraging to watch Yura (who had leg surgery last year) push Patrick around camp in his wheelchair. They are two special boys!



One of the highlights for the children was a big water balloon battle!

This was our "camp picture" with everyone attending camp (about 105):



Thank you always for your continued prayers and financial support. We would not be able to continue this work without each one of you!



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