

July 17, 2013

Dear friends,

Luke 12:34 says "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Tomorrow our team departs from JFK Airport, headed for Lutsk, Ukraine, where we will host a summer camp for 80 children from age 7 through 16. We will be joined by four friends from Kyiv, (Randy, Annette, Meisha, and Kim) and two translators, and will be joined by young adults from Resurrection Church in Lutsk to completely staff the camp.

The theme for camp is "Finding God's Treasures" and we are excited to share God's Love with the children in a variety of ways. All of the children from Brenna's Home will be participating in the camp. Here is a picture of our team of seven from three churches in Dutchess County, NY (from left: Emily, Maggie, Donna, Rich, Ajay, Budd, and Leighann).



We are grateful that we were able to have sponsors for all 80 children for camp (\$79/child). Each sponsor will get a picture and a thank-you note from the child they sponsored. A special thanks to those who sponsored 3, 5, 8, and 10 children!

Vova broke his arm...

Having so many boys in Brenna's Home, we have to be prepared for things like this -we just wish he had been where he was supposed to be... but "Boys will be boys..."



Special Recognition

We are very proud of Sasha for getting special academic awards at school this year.





Housemothers Valya and Oksana, and Yulia pose with Sasha for her scholastic achievement award.

A Special Baptism

Sasha has only been at Brenna's Home a little more than one year, but this has given her the opportunity to really find herself, and establish her confidence. She wanted to be baptized this year, and took this step on June 30th. This is always a special day, and here she is with Pastor Victor.



July Birthdays

Our July birthday this year is not one of the children, but housemother Valya. We will celebrate her birthday the last night of camp, July 26!



Please keep Valya in your prayers, as she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, and is still in considerable discomfort., even though she has been able to find appropriate medicines.

We look forward to having lots to report in August after our trip. Pray for a successful camp, that children's' lives will be blessed and that there will not be any serious physical injuries. We are excited that after five months of planning and preparation, we are on our way.

We always appreciate those who remember and support us on a regular basis, and those who contribute as they feel led. Together, we are building up the character of children who otherwise would have little hope. The life we offer them is truly a New Life, and we are privileged to be used in this way.

If you desire to participate in the future of underprivileged children, please send a tax-deductible contribution to the Brenna Engle Foundation, 3 Albert Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Blessings to you! Love, Rich and Donna

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