

## MARCH 2012 BRENNA ENGLE FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

### Growing and Expanding

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". Jeremiah 29:11

It is always a joy to welcome a new child to Brenna's Home! When we purchased the second apartment for Brenna's Home last May, we knew it was God's leading and provision. We don't always see the "entire plan", but we do not need to, we just need to be obedient when we are called.

This month (March), our third new child since last August arrived. Sasha is 14 years of age. Her mother recently died, the father's whereabouts are unknown, and her grandmother is sick. Children's Services contacted Vala and asked if she could live at Brenna's Home. Please pray for Sasha and her adjustment to Brenna's Home. The first two and 1/2 weeks have been very positive. Vala writes, "On April 5, we will have documents and legal consent for Sasha living at Brenna's Home. She likes everything here, helps me in the kitchen to prepare food. She wrote a poem where said about her new family and that her mother passed away but she got the new mother Dona though she did not see her yet. Only now she understands that family it is a happiness, it is all together at the table, there is no vodka and bad words. She liked all pictures with you and she liked you." (We had the opportunity to "meet" Sasha last week during a Skype call.) There is also a good possibility that we will be getting a 5-year old boy coming to Brenna's Home in the near future. This child has no official documents (for example, birth certificate), so until that is completed we can not have him live there. Perhaps we will know in our next newsletter.



This is Sasha...



Here are nine children around the table for a meal. Pavlina is now spending more time in the village at the home of her older sister, and is no longer at Brenna's Home full-time, but is often at Brenna's Home over weekends. Pavlina would like to be at Brenna's Home full-time, but her sister is now her legal guardian, and exercises the authority over Pavlina.



Sasha is braiding Valeria's hair... Sasha is now the older "sister"!



Yulia helping with the cooking.



Vala just sent this picture of Sasha, Valeria, and Lilya peeling potatoes..



Finishing work continues on the downstairs apartment (tiling the kitchen wall), and more work is being done to complete the project of expanding the balconies and joining them with the staircase. This will be one of the focus areas for our April fundraising efforts (see below).

## APRIL Fundraising

We have several plans for fundraising during April this year. Last year we held a banquet at a local hotel, but decided that was too ambitious an undertaking at this point this year. We will be doing most of our fundraising this April through mail and personal contacts, with two goals in mind, increasing the number of individuals and/or groups that commit to sponsoring a child in Brenna's Home (\$25/month) on a regular basis. We would like to grow our regular sponsor list from 20 to 50, this is especially critical with the new children, as our monthly expenses increase. We also look for general donations to cover an additional \$5000 to cover the rest of the project for connecting the two apartments and for some specific medical needs for several of the children. If you are willing to be involved in helping financially, please contact us by email ([dbrn1234@aol.com](mailto:dbrn1234@aol.com) or [richengle@aol.com](mailto:richengle@aol.com) ). You can also contact us through our website ([www.brennaenglefoundation.org](http://www.brennaenglefoundation.org)). Also, on April 21, for those in the Poughkeepsie, New York, area who are able to attend, there will be a fundraising event at Netherwood Church, 1211 Netherwood Road, Salt Point, NY from 10:00AM to 2:00PM. There will a number of different types of prizes available through purchasing raffle tickets. Contact us for more specific information.

As always, we appreciate each one of you who cares about our work with these children in Ukraine, and support us through your faithful thoughts and prayers. "Our" children in Brenna's Home are also "your" children! Thank you.

Love, Rich and Donna

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