

Dear Friends and Family:

We have returned from our wonderful trip to Lutsk, Ukraine! What an exhilarating and blessed time we had!

The trip was full of many highlights. Three of our team members returned Thursday, March 25th. Rich and I returned Sunday evening, March 28th.



From left, Tiffany Hughes, Donna, Rich, Pastor Mike Gerhardt, Michael Rosola

Our trip included doing some minor work and repairs to Brenna's Home. Michael and Pastor Mike, worked to replace several cracked windows, repainted the bathroom ceiling and installed a fan, made shelving in the storage closet, and put together a new wardrobe for one of the bedrooms.



We were able to spend time with the Tabitha Children and do some songs, skits and balloon animals on Saturday, which they all enjoyed.



We were able to attend two of the Bible studies for the blind adults and also visited in several of their homes. Of course we had lots of time to spend with the children at Brenna's Home and got to meet the three new children who arrived last year just after we left in 2009, Vanya (age 14) Lilia (age 9 )and Yura, (age 8). Here is a photo of the children receiving their new "hand made" quilts made by May Purdy, a woman from our church, New Beginnings.

We visited both Yulia and Pavlina's school as well as Vanya and Lilia's school during our trip and got to meet their teachers and classmates. Each of us spoke in church Sunday. Rich and Pastor Mike both preached and we did some songs.

After our teammates left, we continued to keep busy with replacing the radiators in the home, purchasing a new oven and water tank.

Our final 'highlight" was seeing our first three Brenna's Home children together.



They were the original three who were there when I first came in June 2005. All three are doing well! Sergey is planning on being baptized in June and Halya is married and attending a nearby church with her husband.

Katia, Rich, Halya, Sergey, and Donna

We hope to be arranging to speak at some of the local churches in the near future and will keep you posted with the dates and times.

We thank you so much for the financial support and prayers from those of you who made this trip possible. Please visit our website for more pictures that we will post soon. Love, Donna and Rich Engle