

Shore of Hope
East Russian Orphanages
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Newsletter



Dear Friends: We (Natalie and Randy Smith) have just completed our Fall mission trip to the Khabarovsk Krai region for the “Shore of Hope” Mission.

The year 2007 saw much needed improvements to our building (we call this the Hope house). The Hope house now has new windows and insulation in the lower level while the upper level has a fresh coat of paint and a new door.

On this trip we brought many items that our sponsors provided to us. Items such as tools for Nekrasovka, medicine and vitamins for all of our orphanages, underwear, socks, clothes, sweets and toys for all of the girls and boys, and school supplies and backpacks. The directors, nurses, and children were so thankful and happy for these gifts. We can not thank you enough for your generosity towards this effort. Without your support we would not be able to help these small children who are unable to help themselves.



We would like to talk a little about 2 families in the region that are in the orphanages that you support. First, the photo above is of 4 brothers that live in Nekrasovka now. We have known the older boy (Sergei – sitting with black t-shirt) when he came to Ilinka at the age of 7. Now at the age of 12, he has been joined by his 3 brothers. The sad news is that these boys have parents. The parents brought the 2 older boys to us many years ago as we mentioned. As their situation became worse at home and the parents could not care for them, we received the 2 younger boys. My friends, we have mentioned many times that this is more usual than not in this region. The good news is that these children are not on the street living an unknown future. They are safe in a setting that will provide them with food, love and shelter. The next photo this article is of a small girl her name is Natasha and her 2 brothers that are now at our Mirnoe orphanage. The story is similar to that of Sergei and his brothers. It is difficult for us to completely understand why children can be left by their parents.

It is a difficult life for these young ones. They have been abandoned by their parents. They only want to be

loved and cared for as any child would. We know that this mission is doing all that is possible to help them. These children live under the same sky with us. They need the care and support of adults to give them hope of a better future. The Love of our Lord has moved your hearts to help these children who can not help themselves. Please remember these are small weak children. It is time to share our love for them.



We have a dedicated Russia team who sacrifice many things to be in the field caring for the children. They visit orphanages weekly, teaching Bible lessons, songs, music, English lessons. Please always keep these children and your Russia team in your thoughts and prayers.

This support gives hope of a better future for those you touch. Please visit our website at <http://shoreofhope.com>



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WE THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

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