

Shore of Hope
East Russian Orphanages
Spring 2008 Newsletter

1. God news:



Dear Friends! In this spring Newsletter, I would like to start with good news. One of our orphanage's girls - Tanya, you can read more her story here <http://shoreofhope.com/> **Tanya's story** recently married and she is happy. Of course, for America to be married at this age it is very early. Tania is only 18 ½ years old. However, in Russia, life expectancy is shorter, and this is one of the reasons why girls marry early. Our organization is working for East Russian Orphanages from 1993 and I (Natalie) remember her like a little girl on this picture:



I hope to see Tanya during our next trip. We thank all of you who have given so much to our children.

2. Great job:

During this winter we sent many items that our sponsors provided to us. Items such as gloves, boots, medicine, underwear, socks, clothes, school supplies and gifts and vitamins were donated. 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. Here are some photos that we share with you:



and we have more things for shipping...



3. Yolka party

On January 19, 2008, we had our Yolka party for our Russian school here in East Lansing, MI. There was a visit from Det Moros (Santa Claus) with his traditional gifts and games, Miss Russian, Russian food with of course our traditional Russian soup - Borch. We call it Russian school, but more it is for parents who adopted children from Russia, and for their children this evening is for fun and a little learning of the Russian language.



4. Our major needs today.

We were very fortunate to receive a 5-year supply of Feminine products for the teenage girls in our orphanages. The bad news is that we do not have the financial means of sending all of it to Russia.



5. History note:

“Russian Christians celebrate the greatest religious holiday - bright Easter on Sunday April 27, 2008. According to

the New Testament, Jesus Christ has arisen from the dead on the third day after His death on the Cross. This evangelic event symbolizes the victory over sin and death, the beginning of a new world purified by sufferings of the Savior.

On the night of Saturday to Sunday Easter services are officiated in all churches.

The religious procession starts at midnight: clergy and parishioners with burning candles praise the Lord and come out of the church to meet the Savior. Walking around the church, people stop in front of closed doors, which symbolize entrance to the Cave of the Holy Sepulchre. The doors of the church open and parishioners enter the church singing the Easter canon.

After Easter service the believers break the fast and eat Easter cakes, curd paskha and colored eggs. The Easter egg reminds us about blood spilled by Jesus on the Cross and symbolizes the start of a new life.”

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