

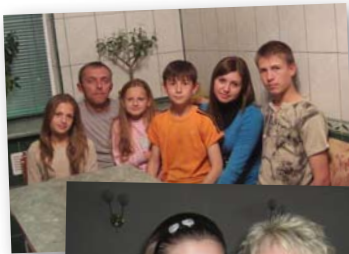
Ukraine Update July 2009

The summer started for John and Nadia with a small team from the Fraser Valley visiting in June. It was a great time of ministry and encouragement for all. Here are some of the most memorable times:

The day after a specific home visit with two widowed sisters, one of the sisters from that home passed away. Later that evening, the team went to the home to visit with the grieving sister and found out that to her anguish, her nephew was refusing to have a Christian funeral service. The sister was very disappointed, and so the team stepped up and had a little service right there in the apartment with the sister, the prepared body and few others from the church. The team felt blessed they could be used by God to minister to this grieving widow. You never know what God will ask of you when you give your time to Him in the Ukraine!



The team was also able to visit Victoria, who was the recipient of the original shipment of "shoes and boots." (Many of you may remember that story, but if not, a more thorough report of that account will be coming later—it is one you won't want to miss!) The team was able to see their completed home renovations, as well as their beautifully abundant garden.

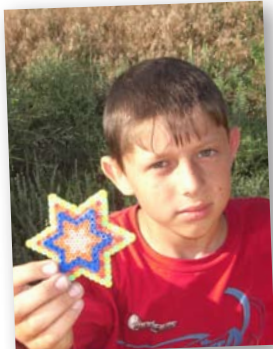


The team was able to host a banquet for the ladies of the Nikopol Church that are active in caring for bedridden widows within the church community. A unique aspect of this banquet was that they held it in the guesthouse! It was a gift to be able to share the blessing of the guesthouse with these ladies that have been daily living out "true religion" as stated in James 1:27: "Religion that God our father accepts as faultless is this, to look after orphans and widows in their distress."



Priazovje Orphanage Update

The children at the orphanage are enjoying their summer! They just had a litter of puppies and the kids are loving all the joy and love that it brings. Just as in Canada, the kids are enjoying their time off from school, playing outdoors, biking, climbing trees and doing crafts.



They are working hard on the transition home for the children that are nearing the age where they will be forced to leave the orphanage. As funds continue to be raised, the construction moves along well, and the staff at the orphanage are thrilled with the progress.



John and Nadia

In June the guesthouse received a new washer and it's first dryer! Now teams that go in the winter months will be able to dry to clothes in record time!

Please continue to pray for John and Nadia as they keep on with their ministry to so many needy people in their community. They are still opening the guesthouse two evenings a week to those that need counseling and prayer, and while they know this is a much-needed ministry, it is very tiring and emotionally exhausting for them. Pray that God will continually provide them with the energy and strength they need to accomplish all that He is calling them to.



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