

**November 2012 Update****What are you thankful for?**

I have seen many people write about things they are thankful for this year. I'd like to add two of my thoughts on thankfulness. I am thankful for:

-The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, and guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7)

- Serving a God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. (Ephesians 3:20)

We pray that each of you will experience God's peace and power in your own lives!

Cheaper By the Dozen?

Cheaper by the Dozen is a biographical book written by [Frank Bunker Gilbreth, Jr.](#) and [Ernestine Gilbreth Carey](#) that tells the story of [time and motion study](#) and efficiency experts [Frank Bunker Gilbreth](#) and [Lillian Moller Gilbreth](#), and their twelve children. The book focuses on the many years the family resided in [Montclair, New Jersey](#). It was adapted to film by [Twentieth Century Fox](#) in 1950. (Wikipedia)

I remember this book on my parents bookshelf growing up in the 1950's. It came to my mind as a result of our now officially having **12 children** in Brenna's Home. As of November 12, **two new children** have arrived - Volodya, (Volva) is 10 and his brother Yevgeny (Zhenya) is 7. Here is a picture of them and one of all twelve in the new downstairs balcony:



These boys are of the Roma culture, which are commonly known as "gypsies". Their mother died, and nothing is really known about their father. They lived many years in eastern Ukraine, where the Russian language is predominant, and so will need to learn Ukrainian. They lived most of their lives in tents and have never spent a day in school. So we (particularly our housemothers) will have some additional challenges. Valya says they are very well-behaved and polite, but have "a lot of energy" (don't most boys this age?). So we now have eight boys and four girls. For us this is different because our own children were all daughters!

We are grateful to have had the opportunity to add the second apartment last year, because the space is filling up! Now Valya tells us there is another neighboring apartment for sale, are we interested? We had to tell her "NO, not now, we just can't do it..." If anyone out there wants to buy an apartment in Ukraine and be partners in ministry that way, please let us know!

In reality, it will not be cheaper by the dozen as we will have additional expense for tutoring, food, clothes and routine expenses. We continue to move ahead in faith that God will provide "more than we ask or think".

Orphan Sunday

In commemoration of "Orphan Sunday" earlier this month, Resurrection Church had a play depicting the story of Esther from the Old Testament. Sasha played Queen Esther (below, left). The cast of the play is at the right and includes the youth, and many of the children from the Tabitha Program. All four teens from Brenna's Home, Kolya, Vanya, Vasya, and Sasha had roles.



What you can do?

1. Send Christmas cards to the children. Our next trip will be December 30-January 10, and we will be there for Christmas (January 7) again this year. We will again take cards for the children and will be able to take small gifts for them from sponsors. The children love getting cards! They are even more meaningful if you enclose a photo of yourselves or your family. The boys names are Kolya, Vanya, Vasya, Yura, Volva, Dima, Pavel, and Zhenya. The girls are Sasha, Lilia, Valeria, and Yulia. Send the cards to us by December 22nd. (Brenna Engle Foundation, 3 Albert Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603)

2. Sponsor a child. We continue to be in need of "Sponsors" for children at Brenna's Home . This could be individuals, families, or groups who are willing to make a \$25/month commitment to help with costs for a specific child for a 12-month period (\$300 total). If you can help, please let us know!! . We also anticipate doing a summer camp trip in July, 2013.

3. Pray. Pray for the children, the housemothers, for us, and others that go to help out. Pray for development, nurture, patience, safety, and future vision.

4. Go to Ukraine with us! We are planning a summer camp trip for July, 2013. We will determine specific dates in the early part of the new year. It is always exciting to plan a camp trip and build a team for this! We will need a total of 8-10 individuals willing to spend 12 or 13 days to accomplish this. Based on previous experience, approximate cost will be between \$1800 and \$2000 per person. Please contact us if you have interest and we will send you a trip application.

We wish each of you His blessings. With thankful hearts, Rich and Donna

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