



Brenna Engle Foundation

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March 6, 2014

Dear friends,

We wanted to send out an update previously, due to all the geopolitical activity occurring in and around Ukraine. However, we have had to make some major technical changes in our established means of communication. Our updates will now come from "brennaenglefoundation.org" instead of "brennahouse.org". If you care to receive our updates, you may have to check your email spam folders and mark these updates as "not spam".

Please, if you consider these updates as SPAM and would prefer not to receive them, just reply to this email address and say "unsubscribe". We do not wish to burden any of you unnecessarily.

With that being said, many of you have been asking us about how the events in Ukraine have impacted Brenna's Home. The children and housemothers are all doing very well. Everyone is relieved that the corrupt president and his regime are no longer in power. The Ukrainian people desire to live in freedom, in democracy, that is transparent, and free of corruption. That is what the protests were all about. Now the big question is Russia, and to what extent it will go to keep Ukraine within its grasp. Please continue to pray for the nation of Ukraine - that they may experience a new peace after all the turmoil.

Brenna's Home - UKRAINE

As far as impacts to Brenna's Home, during the time of protests, there were some concerns for safety when travelling to and from school, so there were always adults accompanying the younger children. That is no longer necessary. The main impacts for now are financial. Because the previous regime decimated the nation's economy, the value of the currency has dropped considerably, and prices have gotten much more expensive, Valya specifically mentioned the cost of potatoes. This means our costs to support Brenna's Home will rise for the foreseeable future. During the turmoil we also limited our communications both with Brenna's Home and with American friends in Ukraine, because of security issues - most international

communications were being monitored by the government.

We last skyped with Brenna's Home on Saturday, March 1. Our new boys, Vanya and Vitalik, are adjusting well, and all the children look great, even though the four girls had recently been sick.

Pavlina (below, left) was able to come for a weekend visit, where there were some Christmas presents waiting for her. After living at Brenna's Home for three years, her older sister took her back to the village two years ago so she could use her to take care of her three children. Pavlina and Yulia are still best buddies. Pavlina told Valya, "If I were a princess and lived in a castle, I would exchange it for the chance to live in Brenna's Home again".



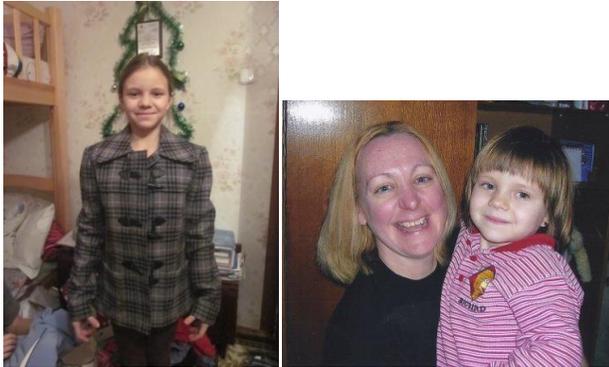
Valya took pictures of the regional government building in Lutsk where protestors removed the regional governor who was part of the corrupt government.



We had two birthdays in February, Zhenya (left) is 9 and Kolya (right) turned 20.



Yulia (below) celebrated her 12th birthday this past Monday. She has been at Brenna's Home for seven years, longer than any other child. Below right is a picture of Yulia with "Mama" Donna when she came to the home just before she turned five.



And here is a picture from Yulia's birthday party at Brenna's Home this week.



Sponsorships in Ukraine

We are grateful for those who sponsor children at Brenna's Home (\$25/month). This provides a source of support that we are able to rely on through the year. Realistically, we have only half the numbers of sponsors needed to cover the expenses for each child. We encourage groups also to sponsor a child. This could be a scout troop, or small group at your church. Please consider it and contact us. If you have questions, we will send more information.

Brenna's Hope - Ethiopia



Our Ethiopia work has begun!

We are working with Hope Community Services in Northern Ethiopia to provide monthly support for vulnerable high school girls to complete their education. In this region of Ethiopia, many of these girls walk two hours or more EACH WAY to attend high school. This means they face dangers while walking in darkness, and also makes it difficult for them to complete their studies. Consequently they may drop out of school and are frequently used as wives for arranged marriages, even as young as ages 13 to 17. If this happens and they become pregnant, they face challenges with childbirth because their bodies are not fully developed. This may result in a condition known as [fistula](#).

This picture shows the terrain of Tigray Province where girls walk several hours to get to school.



Sponsorship Opportunities in Ethiopia

We originally committed to sponsor 10 high school girls in Tigray Province, but the need is great, and this a new opportunity that will make a great difference in the lives of these girls. We have set a new goal to sponsor 30 girls. You can make a difference in the lives of these vulnerable young women. Just \$25 a month will provide a shelter and food close to school or transportation services for these girls at great risk. We challenge each of you to make a commitment for one year. Email us if you can help... This is what the girls must also do before and after school - haul these heavy containers of water.



Brenna Engle Foundation Fundraiser - May 3, 2014

We have established the date for our formal fundraiser in the Mid-Hudson Valley. We hope that many of you within driving distance will attend.



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Save the Date for our Fundraiser!

Saturday, May 3, 2014

12:00 Noon - 3:00 PM

Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

For information call (845)473-7849 or (845)471-5020

In recent speaking engagements I have been talking about HOPE. Hope is a wish or desire for something that is within expectation. One of the goals of our work is to PROVIDE hope - to underprivileged children in Ukraine, to vulnerable teens in Ethiopia - and this list will grow -we HOPE. Thank you to the people who are travelling on this journey of hope with us. Ephesians 5:2-5 talks about a process that results in hope, but it starts with suffering, with trials. The trials or suffering result in perseverance; perseverance produces character, and character results in hope. Wherever you may be along this path, may you reach the resulting HOPE.



Thank you for helping us provide hope!

We always appreciate those who remember and support us on a regular basis, and those who contribute as they feel led. Together, we are building up the character of children who otherwise would have little hope. The life we offer them is truly a New Life, and we are privileged to be used in this way.

If you desire to participate in the future of underprivileged children, please send a tax-deductible contribution to the Brenna Engle Foundation, 3 Albert Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Another important way that you can participate is to share our work with family, friends, your church, and various organizations with which you may be associated.

Blessings to you! Love, Rich and Donna

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