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"12 Years of Service to Underprivileged Children"

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Dear friends,

Today, August 24, Ukrainians celebrate their 26th year of independence as a free nation. It is almost hard for us to believe that we have been working in Ukraine nearly one half of that time! Please pray with us that peace will return to the entire nation and that many people will come to know true peace through knowing Jesus. This has been a busy and fulfilling year for us so far. We trust in His provision for the future.

Brenna's Home - UKRAINE



We will have four in college this coming year. Valeria starts college to learn cooking, and Lilia will continue the same for her second year. Vitalik is still studying Graphics and Design. Sasha will start her 3rd year at Old Polish University, studying Economics.

One of the joys of our summer was being in Ukraine for Yulia's baptism on July 2.



Summer Camp - Ukraine



We had an excellent team from the USA and Ukraine to run our summer camp this year. In



addition to Rich and Donna, Tom Slaughter, Natalia Bundy, Mike and Brianna DeCarmine came from New Beginnings Church in Poughkeepsie, NY;

Christina Polk from Garland, Texas; Meisha Deane, and Randy and Annette Hillebrand from Kyiv also joined us. We had a great Ukrainian team to work with, and things ran very smoothly, considering we had 92 kids! We were fortunate to have great weather and no serious incidents. This year our camp was held at Shatsky Ozera (lake) in Northwestern Ukraine for six nights and days. We were grateful to have had sponsorships for every child that attended camp! Our final night of camp we had numerous children express a desire to follow Jesus for the first time.



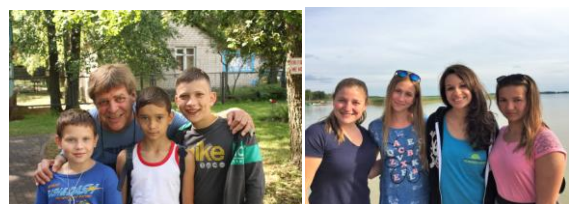
Of course, water was a big highlight for all the kids this year, but they also enjoyed decorating their brightly colored t-shirts as part of the craft program. They also enjoyed fun ways to improve English language skills and learning more about the Bible.



We always enjoy hearing the kids sing with energy!



Our team members made many new friends. Below, Mike is with three of the boys. Brianna and Natalia befriended some girls from a competitive swim team who were also at the camp some of the time we were there.



We love to see the Ukrainian youth leaders develop from being young campers since our first camp in 2008. Some of these youth leaders are shown below (left). Below (right) is a photo of some of the girls from Kivertsy. We had over 25 kids from this town outside of Lutsk.



Sasha Visits the USA

Our oldest "daughter" in Brenna's Home, Sasha (Alexandra), is spending two months with us in New



York, learning about life, language, and culture in this part of the United States. She returned with us July 13, when our team traveled



home from the summer camp trip. During her stay she has experienced many new things, including helping at our church Vacation Bible School and being involved with many of the teens from our church. She has had a chance to interact with sponsors, speak at several

churches, and have many day and weekend trips throughout the Northeastern United States. Sasha will return to Ukraine September 17 in time for her to continue her education at Old Polish University in Lutsk.

Brenna's Hope-Ethiopia



High School girls - Tigray Province

We work 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 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](#). Our focus is PREVENTION.

We sponsor 30 girls for this program and are still seeking a few more sponsors to meet our goal! Just \$25 a month will provide a shelter and food close to school or transportation services for these girls at great risk.

These girls are responsible for carrying water to their homes before they leave for school, or again after school. Often these girls will walk together in groups for safety from those who might try to take advantage of them.

Student Spotlight

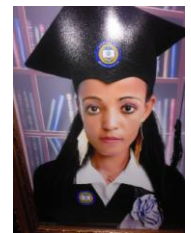
Azeb completed her studies in statistics at Adigrat University and graduated with a 3.84 GPA. She is grateful for the support she received!



Tsigeweni graduated this year with a degree in agriculture with a 3.79 GPA. She says she "couldn't imagine graduating if she had not received this support."



Wunesh received her degree in accounting from Mekelle University on July 8. She is looking for a job in Alage, where her aunt lives. Her final grade point average was 3.6! We are proud of what these girls have accomplished and appreciate the support that comes to them from sponsors. Thank you for making their dreams become reality!



College girls - Tigray Province

We also sponsor female college students in conjunction with Hope Community Services. Many girls graduating from high school who are orphans or from very poor families are excellent students and qualify for free tuition, room and board through a government program. However, the costs for travel and monthly hygiene expenses can be prohibitive for them to take advantage of the education. The cost for sending one of these girls to college is \$20/month (\$240/year). **Would you consider becoming a sponsor for one of the girls still needing sponsorship?**

Support Program for Rape Victims in Tigray

In partnership with Hope Community Services, we are sponsoring four teen girls who are victims of rape and are under their care for emotional and rehabilitative support. These girls range in age from 13 to 16 and have great needs. Two of them are diagnosed HIV positive. We will provide support for them for healthcare needs and also to continue their interrupted education. For privacy reasons we will not publish photos or specific stories, but if you are touched by this, and want to sponsor one of these girls, please let us know and we will provide individual details to you. The cost of sponsorship is \$25/month (\$300/year).

Central Ethiopia - Debre Zeit

After our trip to Ethiopia in February we made a decision to sponsor a family of four girls. Based upon the recommendation of Henek and Enat, who are coordinating this for us, we have added a fifth girl, age 6, whose father is an alcoholic. All five girls are now studying English lessons for three hours a day, for two months over the summer. This will help them greatly in their education. Here is Enat with Etagenet.



Brenna's Basement - New York

We continue to provide clothing and small household items to needy families in the Mid-Hudson Valley. We receive referrals from more than 10 local agencies as well as word-of-mouth. Items in the basement are given away without charge.



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With love, Rich and Donna



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