

Awakening
Orphanage



House of Hope

Community Centers

Krasnoarmiys'k,
Ukraine

Making a difference in a child's life . . .

Exchange Rate
\$1.00 US = 8.18 Hryvnia

Meet *Julya, Aljona,
Roman, and Ruslan*

November 2012

November Birthdays

Nov. 17 - Nikita Pavluchik
9 years old



Our President, Richard, writes: This is the story of the Kostuchenko siblings; Julya, Aljona, Roman, & Ruslan.

Their mother was a prostitute and, after giving birth to each of them, ran away from the hospital abandoning them there (not uncommon in Ukraine). On each occasion their grandmother took them home, feeding them milk with a dropper. Their grandmother, a Christian, was very old and battling cancer. Pastor Leonid became aware of their situation just before the grandmother's death. After he gained custody of the four children in 1998, they moved in with Leonid and his family. This led Leonid to the decision to open an orphanage in his hometown of Krasnoarmiys'k. Julya (age 7), Aljona (age 5), Roman (age 3), & Ruslan (age 2) were its first occupants. Subsequently, their mother had four more children and, as before, abandoned them at the hospital. Tragically, all of these babies were born with birth defects due to the mother's drug and alcohol addiction. Despite Ruslan's pleas, Leonid could not take them because of the orphanage's inability to take care of special needs children. In December of 2011, the mother paid a visit to Leonid and demanded payment for her children



now under his care. He refused, of course, but offered to fix her and her kids a meal. Once the meal was prepared, she quickly gathered up all the food into a plastic bag and left. Julya (21) is now on her own and doing well. Aljona (19) graduated from high school and is now receiving on-the-job training in administration work while looking for a permanent job. Roman (17) helps Leonid with the other children and wants to work in the mines, and Ruslan (16) is working on his application for training as a mining engineer.



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in gratitude; a quiet joy."**

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