



## OCTOBER 2011

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**Getting to know our children!**  
This month I would like to introduce you to....NIKITA

*By Richard YAGER, President of House of Hope....* In a continuing effort to acquaint our supporters with the children at the Awakening Orphanage, I'm happy to introduce to you **Nikita Grigoriev** or "Nik" as we call him. Meeting **Nik** was particularly satisfying for me. My wife and I have been his sponsors since his arrival at the orphanage nearly two and a half years ago. **Nik** is a very quiet and well mannered young boy who seems to take pride in keeping himself clean and well groomed. I'm not sure if God's hand was at work here or not but **Nik** bears a striking resemblance to me when I was that age. Because all the children were eager for our attention, I had to be careful not to favor **Nik**.

**Nik** never knew his father but was told that he died in the army. Pastor Leonid informed me that he died of AIDS. His mother lost her parental rights due to drug addiction. His only other known living relatives are his grandmother, who he loves very much, but is partially paralyzed and unable to care for him. He has two cousins somewhere and an aunt who lives not far from the orphanage and who visited him once some time ago. His mother was severely beaten while pregnant with his sister. She lived less than a year due to complication from the beating and drug addiction. His closest friend is Andrei but gets along well with all the other children. He indicated that he "loves all the staff because they take care of us". He learns very quickly and likes to memorize poems and acting in skits performed by the children at various facilities. He, like all the children, enjoy going to the swimming (mud) hole. His favorite day is Sunday and listening to the worship team. He would like to be a veterinarian when he grows up. Once, while visiting a kindergarten, *Pastor Leonid found him sharing the Gospel with the teachers and other adults in the room.* He gives thanks to the Lord for the sponsors and understands that they are God's servants helping others. He wants to do the same when he grows up.

"The child must know that he is a miracle, that since the beginning of the world there hasn't been, and until the end of the world there will not be, another child like him." *Pablo Casals*



**The children are waiting to hear from you!! Please mail them a letter today. It means everything to them!**

*Many orphans have experienced great turmoil, abandonment and fear. A simple and caring letter can help bring hope, encouragement and love to your sponsored child. However, when you create and personalize your own letter to an orphan, you want to be careful of what you say. Your letter should help lift her spirits, put a smile on her face, and let her know that someone in the world cares.*



**Great news about the Kitchen in next month's newsletter! Stay tuned!**

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