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

By Richard Yager, President of House of Hope... When I first met Peter all I saw was this huge smile stretching from one rather large ear to the other. A disheveled little guy, he reminded me of an older version of "pigpen" of Charlie Brown fame. One thing constant about Peter is his positive attitude.

Peter arrived at the orphanage this past March. Unlike many kids at the orphanage whose parents have lost custody, his parents have both died. When I asked him about his parents he immediately raved about how good his mother was because she had taught him how to be a good thief. He then with some pride, described the various techniques they employed to steal from local merchants. He didn't speak about his father. Lilya informed me that his father was an alcoholic who died some time ago from liver disease. His mother died recently at the age of 45 from AIDS. A neighbor alerted police after hearing a little boy crying next door, where they found him next to his mother.



Peter needs a sponsor

"Never forget; the secret to create riches for oneself is to create them for others." *Sir John Templeton*

He was taken to a boarding school, then taken in by a family member who soon returned him to the State. He was allowed to spend a night at the Awakening Orphanage prior to being sent to a State run orphanage in Donetsk. Lilya described the State facilities as cold and unloving, often breaking up siblings and shuffling kids from one institution to another. I'm not sure of the details, but Peter was allowed to stay at the Awakening Orphanage. It should be noted here that Pastor Leonid personally takes legal custody of each child at the Awakening Orphanage and is responsible for their welfare.



The Mud Hole

Peter likes living at the orphanage because he gets regular meals and Pastor Leonid takes the kids places like the Pond (a local mud hole), to camp, and the circus to name a few. He's not sure what he wants to do when he grows up but is considering working in the candy factory in Donetsk. He thanks the sponsors for the many things that are provided to them such as shorts and sandals. His prayer request is that God would help him overcome his bad habits (sin), especially his

One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. *Proverbs 11:24*

stealing. He often will steal something at the orphanage and hide it somewhere in one of many secret locations at the facility which he calls his camps. He praises God for the sponsors' goodness, not getting into any accidents when driving with Pastor Leonid, no earthquakes, and no war. Peter, like many kids there, is seldom if ever, visited by relatives. He presently is without a sponsor.

Remove this portion and mail with your next monthly contribution.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ for August 2011 September 2011 3 Months 6 Months
Child's Name: _____ Reference Number: _____
Sponsor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

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