



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

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By **RICHARD YAGER**, President of House of Hope....

One of my clearest memories of *Julia* is tending to her flock. These are the chickens and ducks who call the orphanage their home. I'm not sure if this was a chore assigned to her or a natural calling. Like many of the children, she was a bit shy at first but with time she became more and more engaging. She, along with a couple of the younger boys, would come and visit me to discuss many issues and ask many questions only to get a blank stare in return. She never got frustrated but when I did, she would flash me a big smile and laugh. I guess we were communicating despite the language barrier.



Julia and Pastor Leonid

Getting to know our children!
This month I would like to introduce you to....Yulya Kysogorskaya AKA "Julia"

When I interviewed *Julia*, she was still a little shy around me and the information I obtained was limited. But as is the case with so many, she came from an unstable home. Her parents were divorced and she lived with her alcoholic mother who she described as "cruel". Her grandmother tried to get custody but was denied by the courts on the grounds that she was too old. After it became known by the neighbors that her mother was trying to extort money from her grandmother they informed *Julia's* teachers who took her to City Hall children's department. Her mother's parenting rights were revoked, and her father who had remarried, rejected and abandoned her. It looked like *Julia* would be sent to a state run orphanage. I'm not sure who notified Pastor Leonid, but *Julia* was allowed to come to the Awakening Orphanage.



She really likes it at the "AO" and loves Pastor Leonid and his daughter Lilya. *Julia* has been at the orphanage about 4 1/2 years. She would like to be a kindergarten teacher when she grows up. Her prayer is for God to save her mother so she can be normal and she praises the Lord for her clothes and food. She is very thankful for the generosity of the sponsors and the visits by members of the board especially Behzad who she describes as very funny!



Lilya and Julia

"He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is

Make your special child smile this Christmas! Please consider adding \$20.00 to your monthly donation. This will provide Pastor Leonid an opportunity to play "Father Christmas" to our orphans this January. Thank you for your kindness!

"Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ~ Luke 2:15

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