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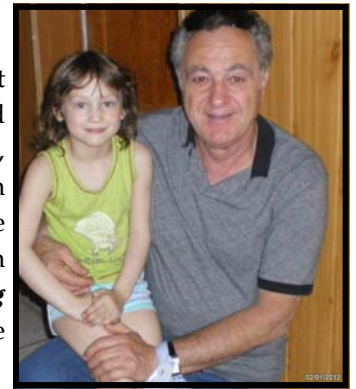


**Aljona Kraselnikov**  
Age 6

*By Richard YAGER, President of House of Hope....* While visiting the Awakening Orphanage last June I was able to interview 12 of the 26 children calling the "AO" their home. Many of the children were spending time with relatives or otherwise not available. In this newsletter I would like to introduce you to the youngest member of Pastor Leonid's family...**Aljona Kraselnikov** ("J" has a "y" sound). No one is more loved, cared for, and yes, spoiled than little **Aljona**. Her infectious smile and affectionate nature is captivating. Her hugs and kisses come free of charge and she takes great joy in making you smile. The other children, especially the older girls, are extremely protective of her and her relationship with Lilya (Leonid's daughter) is a special one.

**Aljona** arrived at the AO when she was only two years old. Her memory and understanding of the events which brought her there are naturally limited. I wish now that I had taken better notes, but the following will give you a general idea of her story.

Her earliest memories were of a family who lived pretty well. However her father was sent to prison, although she didn't know why and her mother became a heavy smoker and drinker. One of her clearest memories was of a man who, while visiting her mother, became very angry and broke her baby carriage. My understanding is that it got so bad in the home that someone took **Aljona** to the local hospital in hopes someone would take care of her. This is when Pastor Leonid got involved. Her mother's parenting rights were taken away and **Aljona** was placed under the loving care of Leonid and the **Awakening Orphanage**. Her only other relative, her grandmother, died so now those at the AO are her family and she refers to Leonid as "Papa".



*Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.~ 1 John 3:18*

When she grows up she would like to work in a zoo. She thanks the sponsors for their goodness and kindness and she hopes to one day get a new baby carriage.

*It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.  
~Author Unknown~*

God has heaped his blessings on this small but important orphanage in a small town in the Ukraine. We on the board of House of Hope have been blessed in return by the love these children have for all of you who have made sacrifices on their behalf. Thank you seems so inadequate. May God bless you always.

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