



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

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By Richard Yager, President of House of Hope... While visiting the orphanage and meeting the kids, I couldn't help giving some nicknames. One such eleven year old, Andrei Zhitnik, I call "the shy one". Andrei, at the time of our visit, had been at the orphanage for three years. He was raised with alcoholic parents. He relayed a couple of his memories of home life to me. On one occasion, his father came home and took the geese his mother had bought him to raise and sold them to buy alcohol. Another time, he remembers his mother drunk, picking mushrooms which turned out to be poisonous, and feeding them to him and his older brother, Sasha. His brother died as a result, and Andrei barely survived and still suffers after effects. His father passed away from alcohol related issues

and his mother's parenting rights were eventually revoked. My notes didn't include how he came to the orphanage but I suspect, once Pastor Leonid became aware of his situation, he did what was needed to secure custody of Andrei and placement at the "AO".

Andrei likes it at the orphanage because he gets lots of tasty food and has some clothes to wear. He made a point of telling me his favorite cook is "Nona". He thinks of the other children as his friends. Although very shy, Lilya informed me that he is very good following directions and doing what is asked of him. He would like to be a taxi driver when he grows up. He knows that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and his personal Savior. He likes to draw and enjoys Lilya's singing during church services. Andrei asks for prayers for his mother to be healed so they can be together again someday.



**All their bags are packed
and they are ready to
go.....they hate to wake us
up to say goodbye...but the
dawn is breaking and it's
early morn, the taxi's wait-
ing and he's blowing his
horn...already they're so
lonesome
they could cry...**

**they are leaving on a jet
plane....**

All of our bags are packed and we're ready to go AGAIN. Behzad and I will be departing Saturday, 26 May. We will be flying to Donetsk via Amsterdam and Warsaw. From Donetsk we will be driven to the "AO" in Krasnoarmiys'k (approx. 50 miles NW of Donetsk). We have a big job to do, so we will be there for a month. With the help of those at the orphanage, we will be unpacking seven large crates containing an entire professional kitchen as well as many supplies which were provided during the food drive. Once uncrated, our real task begins: *Installing the equipment.* Please pray that God provide us with the talent and tools necessary to complete this task!! Because of His faithfulness, I know He'll will guide us in this project. I'll do my best to photo record our stay for future articles and for personal correspondence to the many who have given so generously to make this dream a reality.

As in our trip in June of 2011, I'll be spending much of my time getting to know OUR children better, especially those that I missed the last time and those who arrive since our visit. It will be interesting to see their response to the kitchen and the changes being made. As mentioned in many of the newsletter articles, the children know who is responsible for the blessing received; first God, than

the sponsors. They may not know you well, or how it all works, but they do see God at work in the hearts and minds of many, although separated by miles and culture, brought together for his purpose. I find it difficult to adequately express my appreciation for the outpouring of so much generosity. I pray that God will continue His good work in all of us.

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