

Hello Everyone,

I just arrived in New York a couple of days ago so I am still "living on Tulsa time". (Russian time:) It takes me at least one week to even start getting used to the time change (8 hours from New York to Moscow) There is so much news to share from the past few months but I will try for the most condensed version possible.

A few months ago, through another one of God's divine appointments, I met a Christian woman named Renata from Brazil, who is now living in Kaluga and is working for the Volkswagen car company. She shared with me that she had a strong interest in helping the orphan children in this city, so we decided to start working together on a new project. She came up with the idea and agreed and joined her in planning a dinner where we could promote our program and invite many officials from the car companies, businesses as well as officials within the government of Kaluga.

We developed a new program called "Total Children's Program" designed to get people in the city involved in helping the orphan children in the Kaluga region. This program has two steps; first offering a chance for the average person and families to get involved in mentoring and helping children from the orphanage and second to allow the companies and businesses in Kaluga to become involved also. Providing jobs for these kids after they have left the orphanage is one example.

We planned a dinner in a new hotel in Kaluga (a very big and beautiful hotel) We invited 120 guests as well as children from 3 different orphanages in Kaluga to perform song and dance for the guests at the dinner. Many people from different countries attended; France, Germany, Armenia, Russia. More than 50 different company representatives as well as officials from the government and social services were there. The lady who is the head of the Social Service Dept, (responsible for the welfare of all of the orphan children in Kaluga) as well as the wife of the Governor of Kaluga publicly supported our program. In the future I pray that God will continue to give us favor from the Russian government.

This will be a joint effort from "Kaluga Women's Club" (Renata's ministry) and "Hands of Hope and Help" which is my new organization formed under the Russian law. I feel that the dinner was a huge success and I believe that God is opening many new doors for us here in Kaluga. Although from the secular view, this is a social program that I pray we as Christians and as a church will be able to form many new relationships with children and the directors of the orphanages.

We will become involved in "Life Skills Training" - teaching kids how to survive after they leave the orphanage, starting new music, education and sports programs (baseball has gained a huge interest here). We can as a church provide their spiritual needs as well as, in a sense, being able to provide for their physical needs to help them survive the difficult life they face after the orphanage.

I believe this verse applies. 1 John 3:16: *"This is how we know what love is:*

Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" This applies not only to our material possessions, but more importantly our time, resources, and energy that we must invest into the lives of others.

More about this program and many photos taken at the dinner can be seen on our website at www.inkaluga.com You will need to register in order to gain access to this website.

Two weeks ago I visited a Russian Orthodox village out in the country called "Kitezhh". It is located about 2 hours southwest from Kaluga. Kitezhh is named after the mythical Russian city made famous by the Rimsky Korsakov opera, which sank beneath the waters of a great lake but was foretold to rise once more in Russia's darkest hour to herald the dawn of a new age. Kitezhh village was formed by a Russian man named Dimitry Morozov because of his great desire to help orphan children.

This is like a Russian fairy tale village where orphan children come to live under a family type environment. There are actual foster parents overseeing them; teaching, counseling and mentoring them to receive healing and prepare them for the difficult Russian world. Most orphaned children now live in a social institutional environment which can never really prepare them to survive in life after the orphanage. A young man named Maxim met us there and spent much time with us explaining the program and showing us around the village.

I believe this program is far ahead of, and much more practical and beneficial than any other governmental social program I have seen in Russia. Of course while our main goal and desire for these children is to see them receive salvation and healing in their lives through a personal relationship through Christ, we also realize that these social programs are necessary to help these kids survive in life after the orphanage. The website for this program is www.kitezhh.org

Last Sunday was a great experience in which I was really blessed and had the opportunity to take 14 orphans plus one teacher to the Hillsong Christmas music program in Moscow. They had a great time as well as were able to hear the message of salvation. After the program we took them to Red Square to take some photos in front of the Christmas Tree and then before heading back on our 3 hour trip to Kaluga we had dinner at McDonald's in Moscow.

Of course McDonald's would be my last choice, but it was the first time that any of these orphan teens have been there. I am sending another photo album in which my trip to Kitezhh, the trip to Moscow with the kids can all be seen. Also I remind you that at www.inkaluga.com you can see photos of our dinner and learn about the new social program. I am still working at the children's rehabilitation center during the evenings.

The last group of children there were from Boarding School # 5. Many of these children were deaf so I began learning Russian sign language in order to communicate with them. Some photos from the rehab center will also be placed in the photo album below.

I want to thank you all so much again and again for your prayers and your financial support. It is because of you that I am able to be a part of this outreach to the forgotten children of Russia. God has really blessed me in allowing me to be here for almost 5 years now.

May God continue to bless you all!

David **(Please click on link below for 4 new photo albums)**

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