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Dear Prayer Partners,

## HOW GOD USED YOU AND YOUR LOVE FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED THE LORD...

It was a whirlwind of camps that lasted from the end of July into the middle of August. By the end, we were physically worn out, emotionally drained, but also remarkably blessed. We are thankful for you — our supporters and feel overwhelmed by your generosity providing finances for every child that wanted to go the ability to attend camp.

Our first camp was literally rained out! After spending much time building toilets, showers, and improving the campsite, we could not get to it, because the roads were turned to swamp and became completely impassable. However, that didn't stop us. We opened our church and 27 children showed up for Bible lessons, heard preaching, participated in crafts and activities, and were well fed physically as well as spiritually.



Since camp was at our church building, some teens were able to come that otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity. In other words, by closing one door, God gave us a chance to minister to other children that we did not expect!

## BECAUSE YOU GAVE

**WE WERE ABLE TO MINISTER TO REFUGEES... AND MORE...**

These three young Ukrainian siblings had very little food at the refugee camp before they were given a home in our area. One day the little sister with hungry, frightened eyes asks, as we set a FULL bowl of soup in front of her, "Can I have some more?" She was so worried about not getting enough! My wife assured her she could have another as soon as she finished her first. Praise God **we could meet both the physical and spiritual hunger** of these children.

A week later we organized a week-end camp for families with special needs kids. Our group planned a full day of fun for both moms and children. Of course, the gospel was shared with many! After doing a craft with both the children and the adults, one group played games with the kids and the other group did a special "mini hand spa" for the moms. Now, this may sound strange as a ministry, but afterward, each of these moms **really opened up and allowed our volunteers to pray** with and for them. What a huge step forward for many of these moms who were fearful coming to our church for the first meeting just a few months ago!

Literally the day after our special needs camp was finished, we began a week long camp for our local orphanage teens. Our theme was "Physically and Spiritually Fit." We learned during the camp that not a single orphan there was without living parents.

**They all have been abandoned...** We worked hard all week sharing the love of Christ with them — The One who will never abandon us!

We won't tell you that all went smoothly... My wife sat there during the first evening service praying for me as I preached. Some of the kids and their three orphanage staff members were talking to one another in full voice during much of the sermon. However, in the next several nights this changed, and people began to really listen. **Pray for a continuing relationship** with these kids. Many are very hardened, and it will take time and a lot of love to win them to Christ.

In the end, **because of your sacrifices four teenage boys and two girls accepted Christ.** The seed was planted in countless more, and since the camps new youth are attending our church services. God opened doors for many young people to hear the Gospel for the very first time, and we pray that in the days ahead there will be fruit from that as well. **TOGETHER** we were also able to meet physical needs, needs for love and care, and simply be ambassadors for Christ to people who really need Him. You've made an eternal investment, and for that, we are grateful.

Photo and video gallery of camps — <http://smu.gs/2eu8AIw>



For Souls in Russia,  
*Wladimir, Debbie, Alexei and Alexandria*