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Dear friends,

Historically October has proven to be the busiest month of the year, thus we have an Oct/Nov Newsletter. Contributing to that “busy” are October trips to Russia that are dedicated to visiting in every Home. Recently the number of homes has increased by three thanks to the opening of two in Moscow and one in Sosnogorsk. Because of these openings, we now have 10 new residents. It has taken over a year and much hard work, locally, to get these new Homes ready. My thanks to the Directors of both for their dedication and untiring efforts to see that registration was accomplished in both cities.

One of the great blessings we enjoy in our work together is to be a part of those whose lives are changed forever by becoming Christians. I happened to be in the right place at the right time to help with two who made such a change; Lera and Nadia. Please remember them in your prayers.

More good news comes from Kotlas where we have two foster homes. Three years ago we built a house for a very large family of 8 children plus parents. We **thought** this was capacity. The local orphanage received a family of 4, 1 brother and 3 sisters. The Director asked Igor and Tanya if they could take them into their home but they had to decline because they were at the limit allowed. However, they found that they could re-classify their home from “family” to “children’s home” thus allowing them to take an additional 4 children. They made the change in classification but during the interim, one of the girls was taken into another family. Thus, we have increased our foster children by three, a boy and two girls. This is what I call an “open door policy” or better yet, an “open heart policy”.

Last month I asked you to pray for two of our young men, Sasha and Daniel. They both have been serving in the army and are due to be discharged by the end of November. I got a chance to talk via phone to Sasha. He sounded really good and is excited about getting back home soon. He was active in the village churches and their worship services each week and wants to continue to help in that way when he gets home. Thankful for his safe return and that he wants to continue to serve the Lord.

One of the visits in the Homes was with Anastasia and Sophia. Anastasia came to us last January after being convinced, by Christians in Moscow, to go to Syktyvkar and have her baby rather than having an abortion. We visited some in April when she was holding a very strong desire to return to Moscow as soon as possible; with very little to no interest in “church”. The two of them have been living in an apartment with one of our ladies who has been caring for her sick mother. Three things have contributed to a complete change of attitude in Anastasia. One is Tatyana’s love and care for her mother, two, the Christian example she has observed, and third, the new love of her life, Sophia. Rather than returning to Moscow, she now plans to return instead to Tomsk, her hometown. There she wants to care for her grandmother, to tell her about the Lord’s Church, and for Sophia to experience family. They both need our prayers especially that she will hold to this truly good plan for their future.



Now they are 13



Anastasia & Sophia



Lera & Nadia

Thank you and may God continue to bless us all...

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