

Russian Orphan Rescue

[An Update from Nina Petrova](#)

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Happy New Year to you all Dear Friends,

The Holidays were busy. We started all the fuss on the 28th of Dec. to be able to prepare the Christmas program for the orphanage (Russian Christmas is Jan. 7). This year the Christmas program was a real fun and success. We made new costumes for the wise men. All the kids were happy to participate in the theatre. On Dec. 30th we went to see the kids in the Zarechensky orphanage to wish the kids a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas. After the skit Santa gave the kids Christmas gifts. All the kids wanted to sing a song or read a limerick. On Dec. 31st we prepared a lot of food for the kids to celebrate the New Year holiday. We had 30 people at our home. The meal was so good! We also had a fun program, all the kids were happy- especially those who were brought from the orphanage. Every day during the holiday vacation we watched Christian movies with the kids and had a time of discussing them in small groups.

We were very excited to have Kirill over who came to see us from St Petersburg. He is studying in the Seminary there. He shared with us about his life and studies in St Pete. Some of the kids wanted to join the Seminary.

On Jan. 6th all our kids got dressed in the Magi, Shepherds and Angels. It's an old Russian tradition to dress like that on Christmas eve and go see people to wish them a Happy New Year and to bless them. They came home late at night and brought a lot of candy to drink tea with.

Thank you so much for all your support and prayers.

We have some needs:

We need to have the boy's house repaired. Everything in their home is old and the living conditions are not good. We need to change 7 old windows; they are so old that they let the wind in the house. We also need to have the floors repaired there and we need to get some new furniture.

Please, pray for Kostya. He is serving in the army at the moment and it doesn't look like it's a good place for him. Please, also pray for Max and Alina Zaretski. They are starting their ministry to the orphans in Ryazan and need a lot prayer these days. Before the New Year holiday they got in a car accident. A drunken policeman drove into their car and smashed it. Praise the Lord Alina and her baby are fine and so is Max. Alina is in her 6th month of pregnancy now. Starting in February they are taking Nastay Dergacheva to their home to take care of her. They want to participate in the orphan adoption ministry and are also looking for finances to buy her a new bed and cover the rent expenses. If the Lord puts it on your heart to help them with your prayer or financially, that would bless them a lot.

Bless you all, and may grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all!

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