

# LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY

Reaching out to those who need the most but have the least - the orphans in the former Soviet Union

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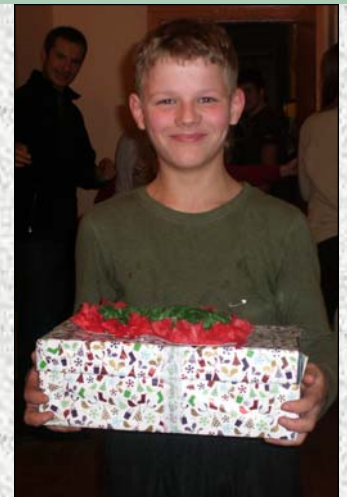
"...for in you the fatherless find compassion" Hosea 14:3

Dear friends, as we are getting ready for our summer camps, I just want to thank God for his provisions and His guidance. It is very comforting to know that God goes before us and prepares the way. We are grateful for the many opportunities Little Lambs has had since 1993 to share the Gospel with the Ukrainian children and we are trusting God that the door will stay open in Ukraine for many more years. But, as many of you know, Ukraine has a new President – Victor Yanukovich. He is the same person who lost in the Orange Revolution a few years ago and is heavily favored by Russia! We do not know how and if this will affect our ministry in Ukraine but we do know that we need to continue to pray for Ukraine and their government. And we need to do all we can, while we still can! And we do. This summer, we have seven teams that are preparing for their departure to Ukraine. Five teams are from the US and two are from Germany. Three teams will go in June, three in July and one in August. We will be working in five new orphanages with new opportunities and possibilities. American teams will be working hand in hand with the Ukraine teams and love the kids with the Love that we received from God. God is good and we will trust Him to supply all our needs and keep the teams safe. We are very excited about the teams that are going to Ukraine this summer and are asking you to please pray with us that God will use every one of them in promoting the Good News and be a testimony for the children, orphanage staff and the town or the village they will be in this summer.



## Winter Camps 2010 — Update

Thank you to everyone who helped us share last Christmas with the orphans. We had three Ukrainian teams spending Christmas in three orphanages in Nova Praga, Dnepro and Bogodukhov. Winter Camps are very important because when everyone else is celebrating Christmas and spending time with family, the children in the orphanages are usually spending the holiday alone. It is an amazing opportunity to share Christ's birth with the children and introduce them to a friend that they have in Jesus who will never leave nor forsake them. During the winter camps the children are enjoying the story times and discussions with our leaders, because they don't have as many distractions as during the summer camps when most of the programs are done outside. God touched many little hearts this winter. Thank you for praying and helping with the winter camps.



*During the winter camp in Krivoy Rog we gave out jackets, sweaters, hats and gloves to all the orphans. Two kids, an 8 year old girl and a 15 year old boy did not get a jacket because we did not find one that would fit them; we had only spring jackets left. We were all very sad and wished we had enough warm jackets for them all. On the last day when we were cleaning up the rooms we found two more jackets behind the boxes and they were exactly the sizes we needed! It was like a miracle, and for the children it really was. Ivanka*

### Little Lambs Mission Statement

"Little Lambs is committed to provide the opportunity for orphans and abandoned children in the former Soviet Union to accept Christ, to grow in their faith, and to become self-sufficient, contributing members of society."

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# SUMMER CAMPS MINISTRY

During the year I teach art at an alternative high school. Most of the kids I interact with during the year have little-to-no parental influence and are seeking to be loved and accepted. Spending my summers with Little Lambs has given me more of a global perspective of this kind of work that the Lord IS doing in the lives of hurting children. When some teachers might be tempted to take their summers and run for a break from kids, volunteering with Little Lambs has been a blessing to me, and given me the opportunity to offer time that the Lord has given me to steward for His kingdom work and His church across the globe. I also come back to school every year refreshed and anxious about opportunities to be a light in these children's dark worlds.

Amanda Blosser



## Making A Lasting Difference in Moldova

Last fall we asked you to pray for the ministry in Moldova that it would continue to develop and God answered your prayers. The local churches we assisted last summer did not stop working with the children after our teams had left. On the contrary, encouraged by our visit they decided to continue working as much as was in their power. They organized special meetings for the children who attended the summer camps first in September as school began, then later around Christmas, and thus kept in touch with the children they were able to touch with our help last summer. When time came to start planning for this summer they were hoping we would have a team again. Unfortunately we are unable to send teams to Moldova this year. But the church in Komrat decided to continue with the outreach and are planning a camp. We had a few hundred dollars left over in our Moldova budget and we decided to give it to the church in Komrat for this summer. We also would like to help Vanya's small church and need your help. For about a quarter of the cost of sending one person there we could help the church to organize a camp.

Can we only help by going there? No, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of many children in Moldova even without going, but by supporting the ones who are there and are willing and able to minister. Please pray and ask God how you can help. Thank you for your support of the ministry in Moldova.



The church planter Vanya and his family.

# CAMP LEADERS TRAINING IN UKRAINE

The last weekend in March we had a camp leaders training in Kiev. Over 25 Ukrainian team leaders participated and half of them were new leaders! This is amazing, I feel that the Ukrainians are stepping up and taking the lead in this program. What a blessing it was to hear that they are planning for eight or nine camps this summer. This is such an encouragement to me and many of us to know that whatever happens, the Ukrainian Christians are eager to continue this outreach ministry to the orphans, even if it means we won't have any American teams going. Please pray for the young Ukrainian leaders as they commit their future to serve God and reach the forgotten children of Ukraine.



They do understand that the times in Ukraine may be changing. And please ask God how you can support the camp ministry and the Ukrainian leaders, as they will be our hands and our feet this summer.

*At the end of March we had our annual directors' and coordinators' seminar for nationals in Ukraine. The topic of the seminar was "Rescue those being led away to death..." Prov.24:11. It was nice to meet old friends and amazing to meet new ones who want to serve the children this summer for His glory. A great blessing was the fact that half of the participants were newcomers with fresh ideas and new strength. And it is amazing to see that this ministry is continuing to grow. We are very thankful for all people who the Lord gave us for this seminar. We really believe that God picked each of them and will prepare them for His ministry. The fun part is that right now we have more directors and coordinators than camps! Thank you, God! Please pray for all future directors and coordinators. May God give them wisdom and strength and help them get a team ready for the summer camp.*



Dan Mayers

## CONTAINER ARRIVED



We have shipped our last container on February 19. It arrived in Kiev on April 4th. God was going before this container and it cleared customs without any problems. God is good! Thank you all for praying. All items are ready for the summer camps and we would like to thank everyone who continues to collect and buy shoes, care packs, peanut butter and clothes. Thank you, Wheaton Grammar School, for packing the care packs!

## WEDDING DRESSES

Last winter Yulia, an orphan girl from Rovno, started a rental business with the wedding and prom dresses we sent to Ukraine. She is renting a room in one of the local stores. Last February we shipped more dresses and wedding accessories in our container. With great joy Yulia opened the boxes and smiled, as many of the dresses were new in our last container.

After a slow winter, just a few weeks after the container arrived, Yulia had her best month so far. Praise God for that. She needed that encouragement. Thank you all for donating the dresses and Mary, thank you for all your hard work. Please pray for Yulia that this business will take off and provide jobs for other orphans.



## GARAGE SALE



### **We had our second annual Garage Sale and have raised over \$2,150!**

Thank you everyone who donated items and who helped to organize it all. This money will help us to buy needed items for the orphanages we will be working with this summer. These items (washers, hot water heaters, printers, kitchen items) will help the orphanages and will also help Little Lambs open doors into orphanages. Many of the kitchens in the orphanages are still being run without a dishwasher or even hot water.

Thank you again and may the Lord continue to guide us and grant us wisdom as we seek to work with the orphans in Ukraine.

## Generous Giving - Making A Lasting Difference In The Life Of A Child

Even though we all feel the economical turmoil and many families struggle in Ukraine and in the U.S., God is good and is taking care of his orphans and Little Lambs. He is faithful. Thank you everyone for your generous support. Your donations make it possible for Little Lambs to continue to reach out to thousands of orphans in the former Soviet Union and support Ukrainian Christians in their commitment to spread the Gospel. They need our help this summer. We have more camps planned than we have teams this summer, so if you are not able to go this summer can you help to provide funds to send nationals who will continue the ministry we have started? Will you ask God how you can help? Thank you.

### **3 Easy ways of giving**

- 1. Send a check**
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Please go to [www.Littlelambs.com](http://www.Littlelambs.com), print out the Credit Card pledge card and send it to Little Lambs Office.

Thank you for your help and your love for the orphans.

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Thank you for helping the orphans.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ORPHANS AND THE CAMPS IN UKRAINE THIS SUMMER

Dear Vika, I am so happy you came this winter. I miss you. This was a tough winter for me and I felt very badly. I am sorry, I cannot really tell you what happened. If the boys will find out, I talked to you it will be worse. I wish you were here. I will never forget you. I love you. *Masha*

2 June Camps June 4-June 20  
1 June Camp June 10-June 27  
1 July Camp July 1-July 14  
2 July Camps July 15-July 30  
1 August team August 1-August 15



Dear God, thank you for the food and the clothes. God, I want my mom to stop drinking and smoking and I want her to be normal like other moms. Please God, I like her to come and visit me, I have not seen her for 10 years, I soooooo much want to see her, please God. Help me and my sister to be good and obey the teachers... Tanya