

**Trip Reports to a
Boarding School
In Zelyoniy, Tver Region**

And

**To graduates of orphanages
In Rzhev**

January-February 2016

Once again, we went to our friends in the orphanage school in Zelyoniy village on January 14, with the Christmas program. At this time we took a large group – about 35 volunteers and guests. It was great! We invited a “Professor of Chemistry”, who showed children the wonders of chemical reactions. Then there was a play and short word about Christmas. Then we gave gifts that were generous and unusual. Everybody (almost 80 kids) had sweets, a soft toy, many were given new shoes and even tablets, phones and electronic toys. In the result there was a real large joy.



At the end of last year our faithful volunteer Svetlana made Whatman Paper “Heaven Dream”, where the children wrote letters of Christmas wishes. Then Svetlana put the “Heaven Dream” to social networks and found good people who responded and raised the money, that were used for purchasing tablets, phones, and toys with remote control.



We also conducted several workshops where children learnt to paint, do crafts, and make toys from rubber bands. There was a lot of lively communication and joy.

Eighteen months ago volunteers from our group took two children from the boarding school into their families. Prior to that, no one had ever done this, because the children are very late in development. Last summer another girl and a boy were adopted, and now the documents for another two girls are being prepared. It is a great joy – children need a family, and if they are disabled they need help even more.



Here are the impressions of the trip from Natalia Ponomareva: “Everything was great, I’m so glad! I love children very much and am so happy that not only I, but many are actively pouring into our team and give love to the children. We have a great team and it’s a huge blessing. All with different talents and together we are really powerful!”



On February 20th we went to Rzhev, to take care of four graduates from Zelyoniy school and Ksenia from Rzhev shelter. Ksenia is bringing up her daughter Jana. We have been friends for about three years. We talked with Ksenya, Artem, Sasha and Paul. Boys learn to be plaster-molars and now they are well. We also handed over sponsorship for the children in the Rzhev shelter. We were happy to see the guys who have been close to us and to brighten up their lives a little.



More pictures [can be seen here](#).

Thank you for your support, it is very important to know that we are not alone.

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