

**Report of the trip to  
Torzhok correctional boarding school  
for orphans and for children left without parental care,  
with disabilities of type VIII  
Zelyonyi village, Tver region**

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**"Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).**

We went back to our friends with various exercises and games.

The boarding school in Zelyonyi village is from where two of our volunteers have taken Vitya Lebedev and Kolya Nitkovskogo for fostering. Victor and Nicholas went with us to visit the school and were very pleased to see many old friends. The sad thing is that two older girls, which they nickname "screws", ran away from the orphanage, and went on foot to Tver, where they were found by the police. After returning to the orphanage, they were sent to a psychiatric hospital. It is hoped that they will stand the test and draw the right conclusions ...



For the older children we spent time socializing, playing games and taking a cooking class. For younger children there was another program, also involving chatting to the kids and games, and a wonderful clown - our volunteer Renat - engaged the very smallest, working with children for over three hours, and gave them a huge amount of energy and love. We are all very grateful to him!



Here are the comments of some volunteers: "There were a lot of impressions! Inside there was the joy of communicating with the children as well as pain for them. There is also a great desire to return to the children. I will pray for these children that they may have seen light in my life, that they will have hope and experience the love of Christ and would be rooted in this love. I will be in your team with pleasure!" Elena



"The last time I was in the boarding school was in the spring and it was very obvious just how much the kids had since grown up and matured. But it was very nice, that they hadn't forgotten us and were waiting in expectation while asking: "Why did it take you so long to come?". Only being there and seeing the children can you realise just how important interaction is for each child that they really needed to hear something, whether praise or correction, but in any case paying appropriate attention is indispensable.

The program that we came with was met with a "Hurrah!" They especially enjoyed the very good and positive clown who entertained the children for more than three hours and could have for even longer, but time did not permit. Thank you Renat.

We left with great regret, and likewise in response to children's question: "We'll be waiting. When come back?"; I did not know what to say ... and they stood at the windows of the boarding school and waved good-bye. "Natalia



"I am very happy that our family had the opportunity to visit the orphanage. We had, you know, such mixed feelings of joy and sadness. The joy of understanding that there is an opportunity to serve the children. Sadness knowing that the children live without their parents. I would like to express my gratitude to Constantine from the New Life NGO Centre for organizing the trip.





**In our project, we continue to write letters with the children to God:**

"I want that parents would appear for every child and that there would never be any war on earth. Jesus, I want you to help me in my life and lead me on the bright and shining way to heaven. I'm ready to move mountains! "

"I dream of having a laptop. And to have more friends . Have you heard this? "

"I want to get on well with people. That I'd live in a decent society. I want to sing in the choir, and that you'd forgive my sins "

"I want everyone to be friends with me and this is what I want, that I would not be beaten. I am ready to hug and say kind words, I want a set of cosmetics and perfumes - that's what I want "

"I want to be loved by my parents and I aspire to be a footballer. I help friends and friends help me "

"I want to help my grandparents, who are old, to cross the road. I want God to give me a new heart and I dream of going again to Moscow; and that I'd get on well with people "

"I want to get on well with my friends, that I would never be betrayed, that my friends would be healthy and would do kind and good deeds. "

You can check out the album of the trip: [http://vk.com/album-39183691\\_206180641](http://vk.com/album-39183691_206180641)

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