



General report 2019

Lilia Vakulina, "Ark" orphanage, Novovolynsk, Volyn region, Ukraine (117)

Greetings!

We are grateful to the Lord and we are grateful to you, and to all the good people through whom we have the opportunity to continue carrying out our ministry in the "Ark" orphanage. During this year, the children were fed and dressed. We sowed the Word of God in their hearts. They are growing up and there is hope that the good things that we do for them, they will keep doing in their lives. We see the benefits of our teamwork in the lives of our graduates. We are grateful for your help, charitable assistance, prayer support, for sincere friendship of all HART sponsors, and for special financial support for the "Ark" staff. We are truly grateful to God for you. May God bless you!



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Children have the opportunity for further development of their creative skills, to acquire skills in sewing, cooking, using computer and other technology. After graduation, children continue to study in colleges. We also take care of vacations and children's health. We are currently working on a workshop where children would acquire the skills to work with electric jigsaws and other tools.



We teach children to care for the elderly and sick people, we also help them. We work with parents, too. A prayer and good relationships with them bring results: four parents of our children are currently in rehabilitation centers for alcoholics and drug addicts. And there is hope for the return of these children to happy, God-saved families.



This year we had serious financial difficulties. We had to cut staff by 5 people. And we had to lay off all who were officially arranged, because it was impossible to pay off the salaries. Currently, there are 25 children in the "Ark" and 8 employees. It is not easy for us to deal with everything, but God gives us power and desire to minister to the children and to do our best as if really working for God.



We organize lots of different activities and workshops for our children. For example, we organized so called "Smakuimo" ("Let's taste it") club where our children get practical cooking skills. They have their own cookbooks where they note the recipes they like. Children also like "The World of My Fantasies" club. There is no childhood without games and fun, so we try to come up with interesting games to keep the kids active, healthy and to build a team spirit.



This year God has given us great joy. One child from our orphanage, Shcherbak Victoria, dedicated her life to the Lord and has been recently baptized. There was a meeting with the graduates, it was quite productive. Three of our graduates have already come with their children, our grandchildren. Every one of them are Christians. Thank God for giving us the opportunity to see the results of many people's work who minister at "Ark" orphanage and help us from North America.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please, pray for the salvation of children and their families;
- Pray for some kids to give up on their sins that they keep committing and find it hard to fight them;
- We also ask you to pray for their parents to be set free from alcohol and drug addiction;
- Please, keep our "Ark" orphanage in prayers, so that we may have resources and dedicated people to continue this ministry.





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