

BIG FAMILY

Mission to Children

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"Worship that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the father is this: to visit and help and care for the widows and orphans in their affliction and need...." James 1:27

Bolshevo camp is a big blessing for Grace Center families and children



Through the ministry of Help for Children and the Grace Center, mothers, children, and orphan graduates have a wonderful opportunity to experience nature and learn new skills at the Bolshevo summer camp, located about 40 miles from St. Petersburg.

In photos above, top row, left: mothers and children from Grace Center who were at Bolshevo during June. Top right: Olesya and Nastya learn

how to cook. Bottom, left, graduate program participants Tanya and Alisa on their way to swimming pool. Bottom center, Sergey helps too! Bottom right: at front door of Bolshevo cabin.

The Grace Center helps young mothers keep their children from being taken into orphanages.

For more information about the Bolshevo camp, please turn this page.

Natasha reports on Bolshevo camp

Hello friends,

In June we had a wonderful fruitful trip to USA. Upon return, our main focus was on the summer camp for mothers, graduates and Grace Center children that we traditionally make in the village Bolshevo, 60 km from St. Petersburg.

The weather was very cold this June. We even had to make a decision to change the schedule of the mother's attendance, shifting all the smaller children to July. We decided to take the children in smaller groups to be able to give them all chance to rest, ride the bike, and feel comfortable.

Conditions in Bolshevo are primitive, with the restrooms outdoors and big sauna for the shower. However, fresh air, scheduled day, church attendance, and activities for fun makes this life useful and brings a lot of good fruits.

Sveta Kustareva and son Sergey are getting ready to move to their own place in August. Sergey will attend the daycare this autumn, and Sveta is looking for job, maybe at the same daycare. We were able to raise money to furnish the place (they have no furniture), and we feel that our big part in Sveta's life is coming to an end. It's time for her to live by herself. She has lived at the Grace family center for more than 3 years, and this is where her son was born.

She became pregnant, without a place to live, without a hope with the only wish to keep that baby and not to give him away to the orphanage. Now she is mature mother, she owns a room in the apartment, has plans for the future and cute lovely little son. She is full of life and love! Amazing what God can do in a small period of time through His people!

We want to thank every single sponsor for making it possible. Without our partners, Sergey would most likely be in an orphanage, and Sveta's story would not have such a happy result.

I'll be writing more about Sveta in August, when we will be furnishing her room and will send more pictures. She will still be receiving some assistance from us and will be visiting Grace center for weekends during the next couple years. She will over time take more and more financial responsibility for her family.

God bless you!

Natasha Kirillova



During their visit to USA, Lena (left) and Natasha, from Help for Children, were able to take a horse-and-buggy ride to an Amish farm.



Another baby who will not go to an orphanage, thanks to the Grace Center. This is Natasha Klimina, a new mother at Grace Center, with her daughter.

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