

# 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 (AMP)*



**Thank you  
for  
bringing  
Christmas  
to the  
orphans  
of Russia!**



Thank you and God bless all of you who gave generously to provide Christmas gifts for the orphan children of Russia. Our volunteers in Russia held Christmas celebrations and distributed over 120 gifts in the orphanages where Big Family Mission is working.





**Special thanks to  
SPC Youth Group!**

Hats off to the youth group at Slavic Pentecostal Church in Massachusetts who made a sizeable donation to buy Christmas gifts for Russian orphans. At left, the youth group enjoys a warmer day in summer. Thanks from all of our orphan friends in Russia!!!

**Summer hosting program**

Big Family Mission is working with New Horizons for Children to conduct a hosting program in the Pennsylvania area this summer. Russian orphans, ages 5 years to 15, will come to America and live with host families for about five weeks, beginning in late June.

We need lots of help! We need one or more Russian interpreters for the 5-week period, and we need families who are willing to have the Russian chaperone (an orphanage worker) stay in their home for one or more weeks.

Other ways to help:

- Consider hosting a child;
- Ask your home church to consider helping a family host a child as a mission project;
- Help us spread the word about the hosting program to other families who might be interested;
- Help us publicize the hosting program in churches throughout Pennsylvania and neighboring states;
- Consider giving a financial donation to help a family who would like to host;
- And most important of all: pray fervently for the children and families who will participate in the 2007 summer program.

The main purpose of the hosting program is to give the orphans a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit the USA, and live with a real family. It is not unusual for children who participate in such hosting programs to be adopted by a family that they meet while they are visiting. However, even if the children are not adopted, they form friendships that

encourage them and continue to bless them after they return to Russia. For more information about the New Horizons hosting program, visit their website: [www.newhorizonsforchildren.org](http://www.newhorizonsforchildren.org).

**Please contact us as soon as possible if you are willing to volunteer to help with the hosting program.**

**Good welcome at Gatchina!**

Our volunteer team from the Word of Faith Church in Kommunar has received a very warm welcome from the administration at the Gatchina orphanage.

When we visited Gatchina in November, the director laid down his rules prohibiting discussing "religion" with the children. Now, our team that goes to Gatchina reports that they are welcome to conduct Bible study with the younger children there.

The administration at the orphanage has expressed appreciation for the regular visits of the volunteers from Kommunar.

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