



## Celebrating Christmas at the orphanages



*Peter Kravchuk, his wife Leah, and their family (including 15 foster children) spend their Christmas time conducting Christmas pageants and distributing gifts in orphanages and youth detention centers around St. Petersburg. Support from Big Family Mission partners helped to make this year's program a success.*



*Liza, Guzal, and Andrey were the only children at the orphanage when Gatchina church visited in late December (many children can visit relatives during holidays). They received a board game which teaches children how to make good decisions.*

**Kirill** didn't manage to enter a military school this year. He said: "I will try again next year."

**When we asked children what they want to be in the future**, seven girls said: "hairdresser". Next time we want to take a woman from our church who is a hairdresser to the internat.

We learned that a boy who lives here **lost his parents** at a road accident: now his grandfather is his guardian.

**Sara** came from Tajikistan with her mother and father. They have four children. A couple of months ago a car hit her father and now her mother has to work at several jobs.

**Albina** says that she knows us for long period of time, since her 1 grade.

**Sasha**. A family wanted to adopt him. Internat administration did everything possible to end parental rights of his birth mother (as she drinks hard). But then the family renounced to take Sasha as some problems appeared between the wife and a husband. Now Sasha lives at the internat. **Pray for God to give Sasha new parents.**

The teachers told our team that the children do not want to study, and some of them have begun smoking. Our team talked with the children about the damage caused by smoking and drinking alcohol. Sveta tells us that the boys listened very closely.



*Sveta Ziablitsev with girls at Gatchina Orphanage*

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