

BIG FAMILY

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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

Igor Klishchenko uses his music to share Christ’s love with Russian orphans



Above, some of the children Igor met at summer camp, including Masha on the right

Igor Klishchenko, minister to Russian orphans in the Kaluga region of Russia, has provided us with this report on his opportunity to be Dad, friend, and mentor for 30 children.

“The director of the camp for orphans called me and offered me to hold several meetings with 30 children that I had first met in the summer 2010 orphan camp. I was glad to see the children I already know and to meet new ones. When I came for the first meeting with the children, I was glad to see the children’s joy and to hear their questions: **“Do you remember me? And me? And me?”** We hugged, sat on chairs, and started talking.

Almost all of them are disabled children: some have Down syndrome. It may seem difficult to work with these children, but it is very easy to minister to them in the name of Jesus Christ! Special Love for such children fills me... and in the middle of our meeting, even the teachers start to feel the power of this Love. They rejoice just as the children.

Our meetings are always full of music. I am a composer, and I have written many songs special for such meetings. My wife Elena writes most of

the words for these songs. The songs have a Christian meaning that I try to make clear to children. It comes out very interesting and moving for the children.

I sing a song, children tell me the sense of the song, and then some children dramatize it. This way, children repeat the main points of the song again and remember the conclusion of the song. God gave me these methods for meetings several years ago, when I asked Him: **“Why do You put in me so many melodies and songs... who will I sing them to?”** After this I started visiting orphanages, and now know it’s a good method to give children the right foundation for development. We try to give microphone to each child willing to say something. When Masha with Down syndrome took the microphone and started speaking incomprehensible words (trying to be like all other children). Everybody laughed at her. She was about to get angry, **but I supported her with warm words and made a sign**, and all of the children were silent. Then Masha again become kinder, finished her speech, and sat down with a **(Please turn the page to continue reading>>>)**



Igor congratulates Nadya and Kolya

seal on her arm as a sign of my approval. Yes, attention and empathy are most precious for all children.

Many children called me Dad, maybe because they couldn't remember my name, maybe because they don't see many men in the orphanage. Who knows the truth of a child's mind? And who got more from that meeting... the children or me? I don't know. Praise God for everything!

All the children got sweet gifts and cried unanimous THANK YOU! By the way, the word "THANK YOU (СПАСИБО)" in Russian by origin consists of two words: SALVATION (СПАСЕНИЕ) and GOD (БОГ)!

God bless you all for your prayers and support!
Igor

Big Family Mission is currently seeking those who wish to partner with Igor's ministry on a monthly basis. To enable him to continue his ministry, we need monthly support of \$650. Currently, monthly donations total less than \$100. Please pray for Igor, his family, and his ministry to orphans.

If you are interested in helping support Igor's mission, we have a special page on our website (see link in left column of home page). Or, if you contribute via check, just designate "for Igor ministry". **СПАСИБО!**



Soap and shampoo for Belarus orphans

Most of us would think it strange to receive a gift of a bottle of shampoo and a bar of soap.

However, for the older and disabled orphans served by church volunteers in Belarus, the shampoo and soap bars were a big hit!

Above, you can see some of the volunteers and some of the older orphans in one of the homes where the Belarus church ministers.

Volunteers from several churches in Belarus spend every weekend visiting in five different facilities for older and disabled orphans.

Below is a photo of the orphans in one of the homes with some of their Christmas gifts provided by Big Family Mission.

The church in Belarus sends its thanks for your prayers and financial support!



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