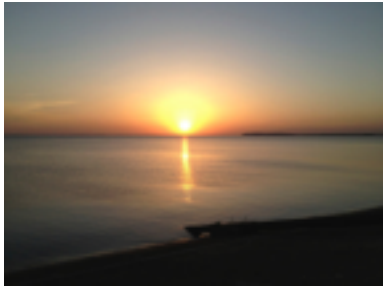




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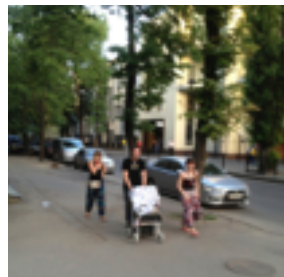
Here are finally some news from your friends at Les Amis de Svieta! Time flies very (too) fast and we were somewhat overwhelmed by events. But we have not forgotten you and our activities both here in Switzerland and in Ukraine continued at the mercy of events. That very long silence is mainly due to the inability to make the usual visits in Ukraine over the past 2 years.

The last trip took place in spring 2012, when we sent a large amount of material across half of Europe with the help of Jérôme, who wanted to visit Ukraine and who wanted to see for himself the conditions of life in this country.



We drove through Germany, then through Austria and Hungary before entering Ukraine through Uzhgorod, first large city after the border. Then of course we have visited Nikolaiev, Kherson, Kremenchuk,

Kiev, Grativsk., Merefa and Kharkov. A two weeks long journey with some mechanical car problems, but with especially nice encounters and unique and rewarding experiences.



Some of the children we have supported during 2012 and 2013:

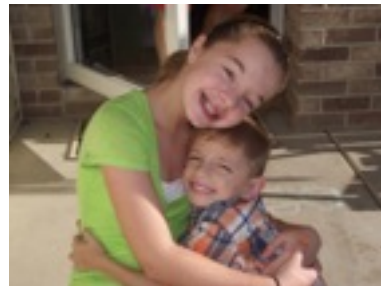
Egor, Vika, Vera, Nikolai, Alla, Vadim, Anatoly, Masha and another Vika

❖ As for the past few years years, we have kept giving priority to direct assistance to children suffering from various health issues. No fewer than 12 children from Nikolaiev and Kremenchuk Baby Houses have made one or more trips to Kiev together with our local director Vika (Kremenchuk children in collaboration with our American partner Association "An Orphan's Bright Star »). Either to undergo examinations, treatments or surgery. For the records, we remind you that the greater part of strictly medical care is paid by Ukrainian State, but the costs of travel and stay in hospital (drugs and food) are under responsibility of the "patient" and in our cases, the salary for nurses who care for children during the stay, too.

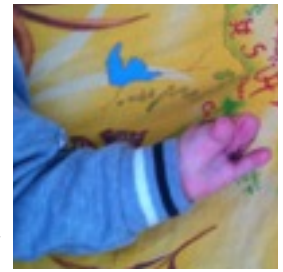
❖ You will most likely remember **Pasha**, whose history was reported in a previous newsletter edition. This exceptional little guy, we accompanied through his fight against severe multiple arthrogyposis, has turned out the way we could have hoped for!



In early 2012, shortly after his return from Kharkov, where he underwent his first long and painful orthopedic surgery, Pasha met whom would become his new family for the first time. In early summer, Pasha meanwhile became **Joshua**, left for the United States and new adventures accompanied by a loving family which, like us, immediately adopted him. And which will be eternally grateful to us for having helped their son!



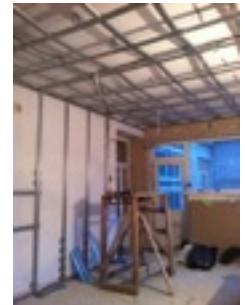
❖ Karina's long and arduous journey continues. She had her third orthopedic surgery in Kharkov and both her hands now have three fingers each, finally enabling her to grasp objects in her immediate vicinity. Nurses and medical staff are just amazed by her spectacular progress and development after these operations.



❖ We keep receiving requests for help for maintenance and refurbishing from Nikolaiev Baby House. For example, a construction project for rehabilitation room for children with cerebral palsy based on ADELI method was launched last year with funding from *LAdS France*. Refurbishing work is going on well, though there is still much to do in terms of equipment and staff training to finish this project.



Renovation of groups small kitchen are progressing well. Only four remaining to be renovated, two of which will be done this spring.



**We wish you all a good start this year.
We will be counting on you again in 2014.
Thanks in advance!**

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