



**Program for Humanitarian Aid is  
“Being Family”**

**Summer Bible Camp 2019!**

## 2019 PHA SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

PHA's Summer Bible Camp is for the orphans and at-risk youth who are a part of PHA's ongoing ministry.

The Summer of 2019 will mark the fifth year of PHA's Summer Bible Camp Program. This experience is the highlight of these campers' year and is an opportunity for them to rest, be loved, and learn about the gospel in a safe environment.

### A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP INCLUDES:

- Bible Lessons
- Songs
- Crafts
- Sports
- Skits
- Fellowship Times
- Nutritious meals – the favorite part of camp for many campers.

Campers also build and strengthen relationships with one another and with staff members. Christ-centered support networks are formed and strengthened between campers, PHA staff, and Ukrainian and American team members.



**We must act NOW to reserve our facility!**

Funds needed before May 1st, 2019:

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The requested funds will be used to pay for 200 campers along with orphanage staff, translators and volunteers to be housed and fed three meals a day for seven days.

### **Family Time: by Andrey Belokonniy:**

Standardization: How the success of our ministry to the orphans can be described?

Most likely people reading these lines will agree with that the success of any kind is bound to reaching some changes (in something or somebody), reaching the desired result. Also the understanding of the desired result, what we truly want to reach, what is our goal? Is it only our goal or we were able to pass it on to the ones that we help and support? For hundred times I was telling this and these thoughts were in my head for dozen thousand times – why I do not have a special, always working way that would give me the opportunity to reach the aim? If I had a scheme or the plan of special actions (for e.g. construction rules and norms) that would have been working wonderfully and I following those would arrange my life and the lives of the people surrounding me.

In our life we meet recurring similar names and almost identical fates. We even have standard description for a person according to the life events. Sometimes it seems that it is enough to have several main factors describing person's position in life in their past and present to give up on their destiny or try to do something for them. Sometimes the age, the system of the past and present life, education and upbringing are the same, but it turns out that the feelings, the experience of the happiness and pain are different for the people that at first glimpse look similar. Only when the person will allow us to touch with love their heart and soul, their mind will be able to open for the changes.

Every time not seeing the visible success in our ministry helping grown-up orphans I think – why would we try to change again and again in different ways the thing that seems to be invariable? Maybe for us personally, for our kids and grandchildren, our churches and our God not to become hopeless and worthless? Love sometimes is rejected but is never worthless.

I offer you some standard (at first sight) answers to standard questions from my recent dialogue with the 22-year-old orphan guy.

*Where are your documents? Last time I've seen you with the passport, where is it? "Part of my documents is in the trade school where I was studying after orphanage graduation. I lost passport and ID card." Do you realize that now you are a real bum? "Yes, I understand."*

I want to make it clear for you, the words ‘I understand’ or the ones that seem to be right is a learned response. A way to answer politely yet still be closed

*After trade school all the graduates were offered to work legally and to live in the dormitory, you were offered, for sure, right?*

“Right.” You rejected just like other orphan-graduates? “Yes.”

*This was not because you didn’t want to work, it was because you thought you could find a better place for your self-realization? “I just lived, that’s it. I wasn’t thinking what I have to be doing.”*

*You remember, last time you were at Domik last year I was telling you that in this world, nobody would be talking to and convincing you, most likely you will be beaten. Beaten hard and often.*

“Yes, I remember. We were beaten. That’s why we ran away from that place where we were working.” You were beaten just for fun?

“No, we left and it turned out we were not allowed to leave. But it was a day-off!” Instead of coming to some agreement. Finding out all the rules and following them decided to run away? “Yes.”

I concluded that it is one of the biggest problems for the orphans – not having a culture, obedience and later subordination. All their nature is set on conditions adjustment, whereas inside they still are the opponents to the situation. And this is not their personal problem – this is a system.

*Recall something not thinking a lot, the best thing in your life? “...no answer” The worst? “I don’t know. I can’t answer these questions at once.” I hope that you differentiate good and bad now? There definitely is something bad and worst for 22 years? “The worst out of everything is when you stay out in the streets... The tutors in the orphanage were always beating us. Once ‘New Generation’ came and made us go to the rehab center for 6 months, it turned out that the trade school asked them... We ran away... The best thing happening in all my life – Aunt Larisa. She was coming to the orphanage, writing a paper to take me home for the weekends. We were going to church on Sundays. She is not married, having a grown-up son, he is in his forties, I think. She is 63 and works as a caretaker for the elderly in Kiev, we still communicate.”*

*If it was possible to delete your previous life tonight, delete everybody you ever knew, tomorrow you will wake up in a new place, where you want to be, nobody will know who you are, you will know nobody. What will you do? “I don’t even know... I will go to church and be baptized.”*

*Hey, don’t tell me the things that you think I want to hear. Tell me what plans you are going to have in the morning when you could become an alien, time traveler, what you are going to do?*

“... I don’t know...”

The way I can judge right now, ‘I don’t know’ is a standard answer for the people of all ages and social positions that, for some reasons, don’t want to be responsible for the things happening in their lives.

I truly don’t know when this young man was crying last time and what was the reason for it, whether he is able to live through these feelings again. I don’t know when his heart started turning into a stone. I don’t know if we are able to reach success, to be useful not only for his body but for his soul as well. But I know we are trying to do everything possible. May God bless us.

-Andrey Belokonniy, PHA Director of Ukrainian Operations

### **Poltava Thoughts: by Fedor Chernichkin**



Vad’ka! (Short and nice for Vladislav) This is how I call this boy! This year he has been going to the ordinary school. He lived with his mom, parents are divorced, he has grandma, she is 2nd group invalid (A classification of health issues when you can’t do all types of work, only specific). Because of the situation in the country his mom left to Italy to gain money and sent him to the orphanage. We first met when he came with his class to Domik. He stuck to us like ‘a thread to a needle’ and spends all his spare time with us, even joins us for evangelization. He is a very good kid! Now it’s time for God! Pray so that God will touch his heart!

- Fedor Chernichkin, PHA Ukrainian Ministry Partner: Poltava

### **Story of a Child: by Tanya Ilmeyeva**

Vika is a girl that is a lot different than I am. She is shy, timid, very calm, and silent. It was hard to start our communication in the very beginning and sometimes it is still a trick for me to cooperate with Vika, because she is very different, she didn’t react to the stupid teenage games and jokes that I was using for the other kids especially boys. Never wanted to go somewhere with us or play.

Though step by step she started to open. Many of you know that after losing her mom my parents took Vika to the Family house in Zap. I couldn’t say that she has changed drastically and became totally opposite person. She will never be as crazy as a Belokonnie, she’s just a different person. But last time I was in Zap



I was amazed. She started touching me while talking or just playing with me and being a bit nuts. Such a small thing that we never pay attention to. It's not a hug it's not a vivid communication. Just a touch, even without words, or eye contact - a thing to start with. This comforts me and makes me feel more confident that we're on the right way.

-Tanya Ilmeyeva, PHA Ukrainian Ministry Partner: Kiev

### **Domik Kamenskoye: by Zina Parkhomuk:**

What do you feel when your kids are sick? Are you afraid, nervous, don't sleep at night, silently praying next to the baby's bed... Looking at a kid with fever we think – I would rather be sick for hundred times instead of them. And you are waiting impatiently... when they will feel better. This was happening to my little kids for a month, very high fever, ambulance, hospital... I was asking God when the disease will leave? We were taking as much care of them as possible: the best medicine, vitamins, but once when it was time for a small breakfast in the hospital and the nurse was giving out a spoon of buckwheat without butter, bread or tea, the 8-year-old boy came up to her and asked for refill, she rudely rejected. He ran away. I was standing next to that place. I realized he is an orphan. My heart was very eager to help this kid. I didn't know how to find and feed him as it's not allowed to get to the other hospital rooms. We prayed about him with the kids. After a minute they started cleaning the rooms and they made us go out to the corridor and... we met. Meet Bogdan. Starting with this moment I was secretly feeding him, my husband brought some clothes, Bible and invitation card to our Domik club. We were secretly reading Bible with him, he was retelling the stories and sharing his feelings, we were drawing together, playing and he even shared his dream. He has 11 items – 7 of which are about mom, about home... The drawing 'My dream house' where there is no house at all... I took a photo to remember. Father God wanted to show this love to the rejected by the earthly parents kid...through us, even being in the hard situation, through my kids' sickness... God showed his mercy to us and after several days kids felt better. And we continued relations with the hospital staff to help such kids: sending clothes, allowed food, shoes and left the invitation cards. We got well! And I ensured again that 'My ways are not your ways...' – saying God.

- Zina Parkhomuk, PHA Ukrainian Ministry Partner: Kamenskoye

### **From the Domik Kitchen: by Marina Belokonnaya**

Pamushki with garlic: There is barely a visitor that hasn't heard about famous Ukrainian borsch and pampushki with garlic. And I have to say they match wonderfully. Try, you will like it. We were sharing borsch recipe with you already and I will tell you how to cook pampushki that almost melt in the mouth right now. To practice for you, we cooked them with the kids in Domik Zap.



Ingredients: (for 30 pieces)

* 3 cups of flour	* 1,5 teaspoons of salt	* 5-6 cloves of garlic
* 2,5 teaspoons of dry yeast	* 1 teaspoons of sugar	* salt
* ½ cup of milk	* 3 tablespoons of oil	* dill
* 1/2 cup of water	* 1 yolk to brush on pampushki	* oil
* 1 egg	* garlic sauce	

Yeast dough is easy to cook. Mix milk with water and warm it up to 40°C and add yeast. Add a spoon of flour, sugar and leave for 15-2- min in a warm place for yeast to start growing. Add one egg, salt, oil. Making dough. Pampushki have to be salty, add 1.5 teaspoons of salt. We have to make a soft dough that would not stick to the hands and table. Add more dough if needed. I use 3 cups of flour for pampushki total (250 ml cups). Cover dough with a napkin and leave in the warmth for 30 min. Turn on the oven to warm it up. Put some oil or baking paper on the pan. Working again on the dough a bit and start forming pampushki. The easiest way is to dip hands in the oil and tear small ball from the dough, then making a sphere with both hands.

Put the balls in lines on the pan pretty close (1-1,5 cm) so that they will make one bread while being baked. The pan with the future pampushki is being put in a warm place for 20 min and when they will grow up a bit, put yolk on them so they will be shiny and ruddy. Put a pan in a warmed up oven. Bake pampushki 180°C for 20-25 min. When done put on a cooling rack to cool down.

\* garlic sauce :When pampushki cool down, peel garlic, put in a garlic press. Take several twigs of dill and cut. Rub together garlic, salt and dill. Put the ointment over the pampushki. If you don't have fresh dill you can use dry spices. And if you want to add some variety add other herbs. That's it. Beautiful and with a great smell pampushki serve with fresh borsch. But it will be a great company for any hot soup or meat. There are never too many pampuski ☺))))

Enjoy your meal!

- Marina, PHA Ukrainian Ministry Partner: Zaporizhia



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