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PROGRAM FOR
HUMANITARIAN AID

PHA Aid is “Being Family”

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP 2019!

Camp is always a great opportunity to spend a week with our kids not only for the mission teams coming but for PHA staff as well. We are getting acquainted with the youth from all the Domiks and get closer to the ladies and gentlemen we already know. It is a wonderful time of fellowship for everybody especially kids, alongside with good beds, meals, classes, sports and fun. It is a blessing for every soul.

This year I was trying hard for the younger kids from Svitanok to visit our Summer Camp. Though they do not come to our lessons during the week, they are permanent visitors to Domik on Sundays where they participate in the worship, attend Sunday Bible School and stay for lunch and communication at Domik.



Like in a family we are supposed to love all children the same, but there are always some that get deeper into our hearts. That's about my friend Nastya. She started visiting Domik about 2 years ago.

Her mother had some

troubles in life, so all the weekends and holidays, she was staying in the orphanage and we had a chance of spending

time with Nastya at Domik. She is from Zap region, not from the city and there was a great chance she wouldn't be able to come to be our camper this year but thanks to the orphanage administration and teachers, she came



in time for the camp bus. She was happy to visit Domik camp as well as we were glad to see her around having fun. Nastya made me laugh on the last day saying with confusion: 'I came with one plastic bag and I leave with six!' Orphanage teachers helped her to pack all the crafts, gifts and even snacks.

Thank you for supporting our camp and special thanks to the missionary teams for participation in both sessions and leaving a part of your hearts in Ukraine with our kids.

**-Tanya Ilmeyerova,
PHA Ukrainian Ministry Partner: Kiev**

POLTAVA THOUGHTS

by Fedor Chernichkin



We met with Nikolay in the orphanage in 2015. He has mother that was deprived of parental rights and sister who graduated from the same orphanage but they do not communicate. Nikolay was coming to our Domik, was staying for a night with us, everything was okay. When Kolya entered the

11th grade, his teacher, an atheist, was telling him and all the students that God won't be able to help you, it's just yourself and the church is a play.

In the 11th grade the connection with Nikolay was lost. We were just praying about this situation. A year has passed and once Kolya came to our church meeting, we were hugging and talking like old friends that haven't seen each other. After couple months visiting church and Domik classes Nikolay asked if he could live with us. We gladly approved and after few months more Nikolay repented and was baptized. Right now he is helping us in the ministry with the youth in Domik and of course in the church!

Glory to Jesus Christ for His love to all the people!

- Fedor Chernichkin, PHA Ukrainian Ministry Partner: Poltava

DOMIK KAMENSKOYE

by Ilya and Zina Parkhomuk



We were observing Domik and PHA's work for several years. We were mostly amazed with how open the kids were. They really felt 'at home' and I understand there was a reason to call non-profit that way.

The guy's name I will be writing about is Stepan. We met with

this young man in the orphanage where I was leading basketball classes. Time passed, he found out about Domik and when he came for the first time he behaved very restrained, but the time was flowing... After the 5th visit and our meetings and gifts he stopped me, asked to come

aside and said: 'Thank you for your kind relations with me, I realized I found friends in this place and previously I didn't have any'.

Stepan is 17 years old. and there are 6 kids in his family, he sees his mother only on weekends and relations in the orphanage are of a consumer character instead of friendly. Now he is gladly visiting Domik and all the events.

Thank you, dear sponsors, organizers and the participants of PHA non-profit for your open hearts and huge sacrifice for the God's work in Ukraine!!!

- Ilya and Zina Parkhomuk, PHA Ukrainian Ministry Partners: Kamenskoye

FAMILY TIME

by Andrey Belokonniy

“But I see nobody can study from a person they don’t like”.

-Plato, Trial of Socrates

(Collection of Historical Evidence)

I remember a bit over a year ago our daughter Tanya came to us with Ksusha and her husband Nikolay. In a family discussion with a cup of tea kids started talking about my birthday and

how hard it is to pick a present for me.

Ksusha said that after lots of thinking they decided to get a book. Tanya was telling that when she and Vanya presented me tickets for the jazz music concert, dad wasn’t jumping for joy. She was telling that I don’t have special hobbies that’s why it’s hard to present something to amaze or make me happy. Then Yegor said: ‘Gift him an orphan, he’s taking care of the orphans

all the time!’ Everybody laughed at Yegor’s offer. I was telling that kind of gift could be easily presented by any of them, but I devote my life for relations with the orphans so that nobody would be getting and won’t be making such gifts.

Every time when I have a chance, I ask young people surrounding me about their willing to create a family (have a legal wedding, give birth to kids, not orphans). Sometimes I even must describe what I mean, talking about family with them. The age of the ones I ask is between 12 and 25.

My youngest companions see the perspective of marriage close to 25-26 years old (as they say when everything will be okay and they will be prosperous). However, the ones over 20 (most likely feeling already the forthcoming success and order in their life) almost always ask – what for? And the ones older than 30 also ask questions not ‘what for?’ but ‘with who?’

Promiscuity, so to say, for the comfort and happiness of existence does not need time frames, waiting on personal prosperity, explanation of the reasons and being sure in the right choice of a partner. There is a good advertisement for this phenomenon in the nowadays society. And I see that almost everybody is successful in multiplying and replenishing half-orphans, accidentally or intentionally, without thinking of the family relations (by the way without ‘right’ questions) which is a real disaster.

What is in the way of the institute of strong and healthy family in the consciousness of the youth?



Can it be true there are no people whose families in the real life are truly interesting and liked by the youth, being a living pattern for example and studying?

Socrates was telling it’s impossible to study from the ones you don’t like. I will never believe that there are people that do not dream about a strong a health family and do not see a good example for themselves. I am sure that nobody with a healthy mind

would not like the idea of being an orphan or living their kids as orphans, without the order that was made by the universe Creator.

We all participate in a serious struggle between destruction and creation, unfortunately people like destruction as much as creation, so we shouldn’t forget that lots of things are upon us personally and upon our families.

I’m thankful to our big PHA family and the people supporting us alongside with our life principles for the opportunity to reach the results and being a part with our family success to the youth to the extend they will always be willing to study and copy. Because truly, the best gift and achievement of the earth life could be the kids, that studied and adopted family happiness and mutual love.

-Andrey Belokonniy, PHA Director of Ukrainian Operations

FROM THE DOMIK KITCHEN

by Marina Belokonnaya

Lots of my friends were asking to write a recipe of Baklava. This is a Middle Eastern cuisine.

Ingredients:

Flour – 500-600 gr

Milk- 200 ml

Sour cream-100 ml

Eggs- 2 (or 4 yolks)

Butter- 30 gr

Oil- 20 gr

Yeast- 10-15 gr

Sugar- 1 teaspoon

Salt

Ready phyllo (filo) dough can be used instead of the yeast dough.

Filling:

Honey- 500 gr

Water- 100 ml

Butter-200 gr

Yolks- 1-2 pcs

Walnut halves- 25-30 pcs

Flavoring- vanilla sugar, cinnamon, cardamom

Cooking:

Put nuts in the oven and let them dry for about 10 mins at 100°C. Take out, cool down and crumble in the blender. Mix well altogether nuts with sugar, vanilla sugar, cinnamon, cardamom.

Prepare honey syrup. 500 gr of honey mix with water, boil until it has the uniform structure.

Dough:

Put 1 teaspoon of sugar, 1 tablespoon of warm milk in a bowl and mix till the sugar dissolves. Put yeast in the bowl and mix with the sweet milk. Leave in a warm place for 15-20 mins until yeast grows like a 'hat'.

In a big bowl put eggs (or yolks), thimbleful of salt and sour cream. Mix in the rest of the milk, add melted butter and oil. Sift out a cup of flour, stir. Add ready yeast in the dough and mix again. Adding flour make not a tough dough, put in a

hollow ware, previously oiled, cover dough with a plastic wrap and a kitchen towel. Leave in a warm spot for 1,5-2 hours.

Let the dough grow twice. Tear it into 10-12 pieces. Melt butter (200 gr) and cool it down. Put butter with a brush on a baking tray. Roll out 1mm dough, put on a baking tray, generously put butter and spread nut mix. Fill in the form



changing dough and nut layers. Don't put nuts on the last layer. Leave the dish for 15-20 mins and then brush with the yolk.

Carefully cut baklava in diamond symbols not cutting the bottom layers. You can put walnut halves on every diamond. Put in the oven at 180° C.

The rest of the butter (100 gr) boil and after 15 minutes baking pour the boiled butter over the baklava, trying to get the butter in the cuts. Put baklava back in the oven for 30 more mins.

Take the baklava out and cut again, cutting all the layers now. Pour the honey syrup especially in the cuts. Put in the oven for 5 mins. Baklava is tastier if there is more honey syrup. Take out the ready baklava and leave until it cools down (3-5 hours).

You can store it in the fridge for about a month (but we can't keep it for so long).

Enjoy your meal!

- Marina Belokonnaya, PHA Ukrainian Ministry Partner: Zaporizhia

GROWTH TO THE PHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



PHA is excited to announce the addition of a new board member, Martha Griffith. PHA's ministry continues to grow and we are blessed to have new leadership as a part of the PHA Family!

She is a graduate of Centenary College of Louisiana and did graduate work at Louisiana Tech and LSU Shreveport. She taught elementary school and became a technology specialist at Eden Gardens Elementary Magnet School in Shreveport. She and her husband have lived in Washington DC, San Antonio, Tyler and Galveston with Mac's career and have recently retired in Tyler, Texas. She has been active in Marvin United Methodist Church and The Ronald McDonald House of Galveston, Texas. She and her husband have two adopted children that are now grown and one grandson. Martha now has started teaching adults how to use the iPhone.

Martha Griffith was raised in Shreveport, Louisiana and she and her husband, Mac, raised their children there also.



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