



With your help, Doorways to Hope enables local Christian families to bring orphans into their homes through foster care and adoption by providing material resources and ongoing support.

Project Update- February 2013

How your gifts have helped former orphans and their loving families

Vedernikov Family

\$4,900 for kitchen repair

It all began in 2004, when Vova and Valya Vedernikov were newly-married and struggling to have children. Valya was a caregiver at an orphanage and one night, she had an epiphany. She realized that “even a children’s home with the most wonderful caregivers could not replace a child’s family.” **Nine years later, they now have thirteen children!** They’ve adopted a sibling set of three girls whose mom died tragically in the hospital after being beaten by their stepfather.



Vova and Valya Vedernikov with their thirteen beautiful children

In addition to taking in several children of their own, Vova and Valya have personally connected several babies with loving families. One time, they struggled to find a family for an infant who had been diagnosed with cerebral palsy, hepatitis C, intracranial pressure, and other disorders.

As Valya explains it, “We developed a desire to go and just look at the baby... From the first second we just fell in love with him, the perfect peace on his face, while around him all of the other babies were crying in a chorus. That is how the youngest, David, came to our family at 2 months old. A little later we went through the next checkup with David, and not one of the diagnoses was confirmed, PRAISE GOD!!!”

This remarkable family recently moved to a larger home in order to adopt three additional children, but the home was in dire need of repair. The kitchen was cinder block walls with open wiring and no table for their family to be able to sit at and eat together. Now, because of you, the Vedernikov family has a safe and warm kitchen!



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\$39 a month places an orphan with an adoptive family in their home country.

To make a donation:

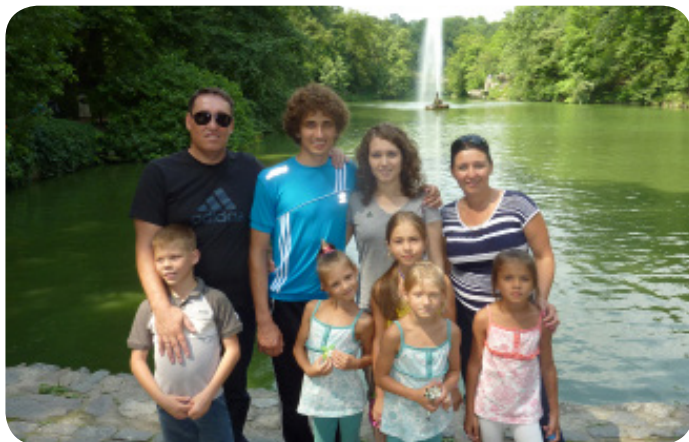
- visit us at doorwaystohope.org
- or send a check to Doorways to Hope, PO Box 34628 # 37939; Seattle, WA 98124-1628

More Families You Have Helped!

Bespalov Family

\$4,875 for new driveway

Alexander and Victoria Bespalov have devoted their lives to ministry. The couple would set up holiday and birthday celebrations at the local orphanages but soon realized that the joy quickly left the children's faces. They felt convicted that the best place for a child was in a loving family. Not long after, they adopted their first daughter, Luba. **Alexander shared their testimony of adoption as he preached and as a result approximately 100 children were adopted by people who were inspired by his message!**



The Bespalov Family

Later, the Bespalovs adopted a little boy who was disabled and three sisters who had suffered neglect. All were severely malnourished. The children were underweight (the girls were only 15 lbs at 1 ½ years old!) and the girls had lost all of their hair. Now, the children are healthy and happy. **Thanks to your generosity, Alexander and Victoria will be able to install a much-needed driveway in their yard.** Most months of the year, the walkway to the road is slippery, slushy and muddy. This has proven to be incredibly difficult for Victoria, as she needs to carry some of the children to the car. Thank you for assisting this wonderful family!

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Matvienko Family

\$750 for wardrobes



The Matvieknno Family

Dmitri and Evgeniya began adopting by taking in sisters Nastya and Toma, who had been separated and sent to different orphanages. Only 6 months later, they adopted infant Masha and a couple years later, their family had grown to nine children—four biological and five adopted. The Matvienkos really needed wardrobes to keep their belongings off the floor and out of the storage bags that had been taking up living space. **Thanks to you, the children in the Matvienko family can now have their own place to keep their belongings!**



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If you would like to receive weekly prayer requests for families and individual orphans, sign up at doorwaystohope.org/pray

Russian Adoption Ban

As you probably heard, President Putin banned US adoptions from Russia in the end of December. Though it thankfully looks like the 50 Russian orphans whose adoptions had already been approved by the Russian court system will be able to join their waiting families in the US, it still leaves thousands of orphans in Russia without hope of being adopted by an American family.



However, those orphans are not without hope of adoption! **As US adoptions close, national adoption is more important and viable than ever.** Just last week, over 500 pastors from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and other former Soviet Union countries gathered together for a conference on orphan care and adoption! We are so thankful for the way God is growing His heart for adoption among believers in Russia and Eastern Europe! Thank you so much for the invaluable role you have played in helping find families for orphans in this region of the world!

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Are you using your special talents to raise awareness for the Orphan Nation? Tell us about it! Become an Orphan Advocate! Email: info@doorwaystohope.org

Pray for Every Orphan

God is doing an amazing work in the lives of orphans worldwide! Members of our team recently attended “Defending the Orphan, Changing the Future” Eastern European summit for pastors in Kiev, Ukraine.

Our Pray for Every Orphan coordinator, Elaine Springer, is still traveling through Ukraine to follow up on the orphans, families, and programs you have been so faithfully praying for.

Please be praying for Elaine and the rest of the team as they travel!



Elaine Springer (Pray for Every Orphan coordinator) collaborates with other leaders in the orphan care movement.

Still waiting...



Arthur (14) is still waiting to be adopted. He is a responsible boy who enjoys computer games and reading books. He is very inquisitive, studious, and active. Pray that Arthur will soon be welcomed into a loving family.

Found a forever family!



Dima (8) is a very active young man who is always asking questions. He is worried he will never be accepted into a permanent family. Please pray that God places him with wonderful parents who will show him the love he craves!

Join us as we Pray for Every Orphan!
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