



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- April 2013

How your gifts have helped former orphans and their loving families

### Look how German has grown!

You may remember this little boy, German Venger, who you helped provide treatment for his childhood diabetes over a year ago.



Above: German Venger, two and a half years ago  
Below: German today. How he has grown up!



We recently received a thank you letter from his adoptive parents Roman and Larissa, along with a picture of him. It is so amazing to see how he is growing and how much better he is doing! Thank you so much for loving German! Here are thanks in the words of his parents:

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

*We write to you with great thankfulness from our family and from our son German for the financial help that we received from you for German's treatment.*

*We treasure you and are thankful to God that you have wide, loving hearts. With sensitivity and compassion, you have become close to us through your help for our son in this time of his need. We continue to pray for full healing of German, which is our heart's true desire. However, since that has not occurred yet, we wait and do what we can for him to meet his physical and medical needs. We plan to take German to Kiev this spring to have a full exam with doctors there, which will also try to help diagnosis and treat his slow physical growth and learning disabilities.*

*We plan to continue this year to try to get as much help as we can for German, including taking him to a speech therapist, getting him child massages, continuing to work on treating his childhood diabetes, etc.*

*We want to thank you again for all the help that you have been to us! We have no words!*

*Roman and Larissa Venger*

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

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## Russia Without Orphans Conference a Great Success!

The movement of national believers caring for orphans in Russia is growing like never before! On March 22-23, 157 delegates from 38 regions of Russia gathered together for a conference hosted by our partners, Russia Without Orphans.

Conference participants attended plenary sessions which were led by Doorways to Hope's Russian and Ukrainian partners. They also met for round table working groups.



*Participants discuss their vision of a Russia Without Orphans*

Round table discussions were focused on five topics:

- 1) Strengthening families
- 2) Preventing abandonment and orphanhood
- 3) Motivating and furthering a culture of adoption in Russia
- 4) Working with adoptive and foster families
- 5) Working with orphan graduates

By the end of the conference, participants had put together a document called "The Joint Plan of Action for Russia Without Orphans-2013-2018."

This document will help guide the growth of the Russia Without Orphans movement!

In exciting news, Tatiana Zabolotnaya, a representative of the Russian government's Federal Council attended the Russia Without Orphans event and was very impressed!

She has taken news of the event back to her colleagues and now the **Russian Duma's Department for Children's Rights is expressing interest in learning more about Russia Without Orphans and what believers in Russia are doing to care for orphans!**

Please join us in praying for and supporting our Russian brothers and sisters as their work with orphans expands across Russia and is recognized on a national scale!



Thanks to your generosity, we were able to support this conference and these Russian leaders as they strive to empty orphanages in their country through national adoption and foster care!

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