

By repairing a leaky roof, you provided a family for Lera!

Ever wondered how repairing a leaky roof can help a child get adopted? Here's how!

Over ten years ago, Sergei and Anya Zhuravlyev felt God place adoption on their heart. However, it wasn't until 2007 that they took their first step towards adoption by adopting two year old Maxim who had been placed in an orphanage when his HIV positive drug-addicted mother was put in jail. A few years after adopting Maxim, Sergei and Anya adopted three siblings- Sveta, Yaroslava, and Eddick.

Earlier this year, Sergei and Anya felt God calling them to adopt yet again, this time a shy nine year old named Lera. However, social services refused to let them adopt Lera because the roof of their house leaked. **They were told that until they fixed their roof, Lera would have to stay in the orphanage.**



Lera (in orange) with her new family.

Thankfully, your gifts came at just the right time.

Sergei and Anya were able to repair their roof quickly and bring Lera home!



Lera says "thank you!"



Cristi Slate (Director of Programs and Development) visited this family a few weeks ago and was struck by how attached Lera already seems to her new family!

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Above: Andrei and Olesya, both orphans themselves, stand in their new kitchen with their four adoptive daughters and their new baby.

Thank you for supporting this amazing couple!

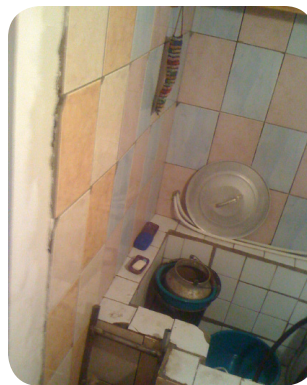
Andrei and Olesya Chernishov are the rarest of rare—both orphans themselves, they went to college, married, and adopted 4 girls!

None of them have **ever** lived in a home with running water. They would have to walk every day to a well and carry water back home in buckets, which they would then use very sparingly for sponge baths and dishes.

When Olesya got pregnant with their first biological baby a year ago, she dreamt of having running water and a working kitchen and bathroom, but didn't see any way to make that dream a reality.

Thanks to your generous giving, Andrei was able to finish installing running water and a bathroom and kitchen while Olesya was recovering from giving birth at the hospital. Olesya told us with tears in her eyes how amazing it was to come home with her new baby to a home with running water!

You have not only made a lifelong dream come true for an orphan (Olesya), but you have enabled her to love and care for her four adopted daughters as well as her new baby!



Before



After

The Matvienkos have taken in another child!



The littlest member of the Matvienko family “helps” put together a wardrobe that you provided!

The Matvienko family says thank you for supporting them as they care for orphans!



Dmitri and Zhenya Matvienko first began to think about adopting after seeing a TV program about adoption in Russia (thank you for supporting such programs through your giving to Doorways to Hope!). Since 2007, they have taken in five foster children in addition to their four biologic children.

Adopted because of the bikeathon!



Three year old Kyril was adopted only weeks after the bikeathon team spoke in his city!



Thank you for helping these two children find a forever family!

Thank you for supporting former orphans as they biked over 3,000 miles across Russia to encourage believers to adopt!

The photos above show just the beginning of the impact this event has had on the adoption of precious kids!

20 amazing former orphans spent their third summer in a row biking on behalf of other orphans, speaking in every town they stopped in to local media and local churches and encouraging Christians to adopt.

Stories are continuing to pour in about families who were motivated to adopt after meeting these brave kids and hearing them speak!



Brave bikers after a long day on the road.

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