

*A trip to the orphanage in Rzhev  
And  
Graduates of the Zelyoniy Orphanage*

January 2017

On Christmas eve (Christmas is officially celebrated in Russia on January the 7<sup>th</sup>), we went to children's shelter in Rzhev. This is where orphans live in a government shelter. We also met with our friend Ksenia Smykova, and with graduates Artem, Pashsa and Sasha from the Boarding facility in Zelyoniy village.



We had really good sincere discussions. We talked a lot with the children and staff about where our Lord was born, His Nativity, that through a knowledge of the truth in Jesus, salvation and freedom is possible from dependency of drugs & alcohol and even from a bad upbringing.

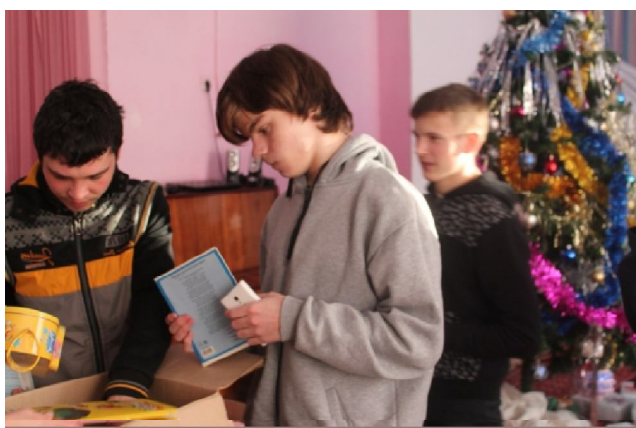


Lena Mironova conducted a master class using microscopes. Children learnt about a microcosm and thanked God for the miracles of His creation.

Then all the children were given generous Christmas gifts – big cars, airplanes, backpacks, stationary, modelling clay and candy sets.



We are glad for Ksenia, who again joined with Dima. They bring together Yana, which is already one and a half year old. They are going to officially get married before Dima leave to serve in the army. We brought a big doll for Yana and lots of things for both her and Ksenia.



Artem, Pasha and Sasha finish school this summer. They then face a difficult time when they have to start caring for themselves. We are trying to help them obtain disability benefit and housing to which they are entitled, but they are unable to do this on their own.



We ended the day at a table with all the kids eating delicious pizza and lots of cakes and sweets. In general it was a real Christmas holiday for us all!

More photos in our group: <https://vk.com/albums-39183691>

We sincerely thank all our friends who help us to care for the children in need! Many blessings in the Lord!

Pastor Andrei Blinkov