

Immanuel's Child Report

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Dear friends, I greet you!

Christmas time is the time to do outreach in the form of theater performances. Praise the Lord that He inspires our brothers and sisters for this dedicated ministry. This year we prepared a play "Christmas in a Barn". We made theatrical scenery and costumes and fixed the ones needed fixing. Praise the Lord for the gifted people, who did this ministry with pleasure. Immanuel's Child is not a one-time event for us. It is the whole network of meetings with children and adults that we have in church buildings, schools, orphanages and other institutions.

This year we started our program with a visit to an orphanage in our town. About forty kids without parental care and attention were closely watching the events on the stage. The good news about the birth of the Savior of the world was proclaimed in easy and simple images in a fun way. This year we invited some children to perform certain characters. These kids were raised in Christian homes of our church members and they used to live in an orphanage.

It was interesting for me to hear a dialogue between a staff person of the orphanage and Arthur, who performed a boy with the Bible in the play. The lady approached him and mentioned, "It seems to me I can recognize you. You used to stay in our orphanage some years ago." Indeed, Arthur used to live in that shelter for half a year until he was adopted by a family from our church. Here he comes to the orphanage again but this time he has a different goal in mind. He wants to join the Christmas play and share the Good News with the children and their teachers! God does miracles. Our Lord is indeed the Father of orphans!

Christmas worship in church brought much joy. There are children from different homes in the picture. They came to the celebration. They all got the Christmas gift with a star. It was a big blessing for the kids! The Lord opens up the hearts of their parents to accept the Good News! Nevertheless, it is only the beginning. In the near future we plan to visit a correctional center, where dysfunctional families get help and also many other schools and shelters in the city and in the country.

Thank you very much for your open hearts and desire to help the children in Belarus!!!

From the bottom of my heart I say thank you for your help in ministry. Your provision helped us to prepare the theatrical scenery, cover transportation expenses to visit distant places of shelters and schools in the countryside. Your care for us helps us to reach new hearts and bring the Good News to them.

With love and appreciation, Sergey Gormash





