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MTR UPDATE

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To our Russian mission partners,

We greet you in this new year, and pray that your life will be blessed beyond measure.

SPECIAL PRAYER NEED

We have a major prayer need for one of our Christian School students in Kostroma: Sergey Zhuravlev is 11 years old and a 5th grader. Sergey was born with Johanson Blizzard syndrome. This disease means that he does not have an upper jaw (palate). Also his pancreas does not work right and his intestines can not absorb food. He has always been on a special liquid diet. Because his pancreas does not work right, it has been shrinking and now that he is as old as he is, it cannot work right even with the liquid diet and he does not have long to live. Because of the extra care it takes to raise him, the public schools would not accept him as a student 5 years ago, so Light To The World accepted him.

There is a chance that Sergey could have a special type of surgery, but it is only done in Germany by one special Dr. who has had success with this type of disease and only then if he would be an acceptable candidate. The cost of just going to Germany to take the tests to see if he is a candidate is large (\$4,000). The cost includes international passports, visas, train tickets, Dr. costs and test costs and a temporary place to stay along with meals. This is the only chance that Sergey has to increase his life more than a few more months



Sergey & mother Irene

Sergey does not have a father in the house - it is just Sergey and his mother Irene who works as a part time cook and janitor in the school/church. She is also a Sunday school teacher.

People in the Kostroma Church and others in the city has gotten together \$1,000 and there has been another \$650 received from a source in Kansas, MTR is putting in \$2,000 from our general fund and the Kostroma church will make up the difference from their emergency fund so that this trip can be done without any delay. The passports and visas have been ordered. As soon as they are received, Sergey and his mom will get on the train and go to Germany for these tests. If he becomes a candidate, the costs of the actual surgery will be paid for by special German funds which the Dr. has set up for rare cases such as this.

What we are asking is for prayer for Sergey and his mother and the Dr. doing these tests and that the outcome will be favorable for Sergey.

If you would like to know more about this disease just Google "Johanson Blizzard syndrome" and it will bring up all you want to know.

If you would like to financially help out to replace MTR funds or for addition costs that might be incurred send the gift with a note "for Sergey's tests". If more than enough comes in to cover the costs, the overage will go to help with Light to the World school needs.

Thank you for caring and sharing in this ministry.

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