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Favourite Little Friends in Odessa

Because they survived a very disadvantaged birth,
and God has a plan for their lives,
I want to help facilitate that plan

I visited this needy Disabled Children's Orphanage in Odessa, Ukraine to deliver special medicines to boost the children's immune systems.



This baby boy, Artem, had just had heart surgery



A little girl, Viktoria needs heart surgery



A little gypsy baby, Sophia, abandoned at birth in a cemetery



Baby boy just had brain surgery – has a scar across the top of his head

A very disabled 8 year-old, Petr having a massage – and enjoying it



Little Sasha having a remedial massage



All the children seemed to enjoy the attention.



These children with such pure spirits, are very dear to God's heart.



The ever-present weekly need is for about 3000 nappies. All of these children are incontinent and would need 5 to 7 changes a day. When I've been there it's been a "pleasure" to visit the nearest hypermarket and buy shopping carts full of disposable pampers of different sizes. The local Ukrainians tease us at the checkout by saying things like, "What have you been up to behind the scenes with all the children you are providing for?" I tried to tell them that these were for the Disabled Children's Orphanage which we support – they all know about this orphanage.



A lovely elderly blind lady from Adelaide, Australia and a dear lady from Cape Cod Massachusetts knitted and crocheted baby blankets which we delivered to the children. The

staff were delighted that someone thought to make items so good for these needy children and babies.



A present great need that we've just been able to supply



The matron said that greatest need that these children had was for a **Respirator** to help the children with disformed lungs to breathe in emergencies, as well as a Portable **Mucous Suction Machine** to remove excess mucous in emergency situations Both were available immediately in Ukraine. I hope that these items will relieve their suffering somewhat.



Three years ago, we were able with the help of concerned friends, to supply the orphanage with 3 Verticalizer Chairs. These wonderful electronic chairs help the relatively paralysed children to develop their motor coordination over a period of time. They then move on to using manually operated chairs. After a period of time, their motor coordination has improved, so that they are able to play with the able-bodied children. When they reach 10 years of age and they are to be moved on to another orphanage (that would take them further in their progress and “education”), these Verticalizer Chairs help them to develop sufficiently to cope.





On this visit, the matron said that the older children had greatly benefited from the Verticalizer Chairs that we gave them 3 years ago. She asked very humbly if we could manage to provide for another Verticalizer Chair - **for small children** so that they can begin their motor coordination rehab at a much younger age. That's what we're trying to do now. The cost is **£2,750 from Poland**.

Please stand with us as we try to meet that need. We love these special children.

If you are able to help us with this need, we'd appreciate that immensely.

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Thank you so much for your amazing generosity and partnership in the gospel. These needs are huge and we're grateful to you for standing with us to meet these commitments.

Love and blessings,

Dave & Margarita