

News from Roman

and the Ukrainian New Hope Team

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Dear Friends,

It is our first letter to you in this new year. We were pleasantly surprised at how many friends we had to mail a Christmas card to this year! If you haven't received them yet, we wish you a Happy New Year and many of God's blessings and strong health.

We entered a new year having two wonderful children. This year they made Christmas special for us. All together we gathered at Irene's parents' house in Lutsk. Now they have five grandchildren – and Anna is like a little 'rose among four thorns.' They are growing fast. Mathew has turned two. Anna is almost four months old. She is a quiet, smiley girl and can recognize familiar people, showing it by a happy smile and 'talking' in her own baby language. Mathew recently fell in love with the movie *Cars*. He would watch it several times a day if permitted. So his favorite word now is 'cha-cha' (the sound of the main car hero). Among many incomprehensible words in his vocabulary, it is one of the few words we can understand.



For us as parents, the children are a blessing. And for us as children, our parents are blessings. Who else can care more? Irene's parents (her mom is retired) agreed to help her with the children. And right after Mathew's birthday (December 4) Irene and the children moved to her parents' in Lutsk. They will likely stay there until spring. There Anna will have all of her required inoculations. I stayed with them during the Christmas holidays.

Recently I visited Kyiv (capital of Ukraine) to meet with a group of deputies (senators) of the Ukrainian parliament. They invited representatives of several non-governmental organizations to create an "Experts Council" that will analyze and propose changes to the existing Ukrainian laws or suggest new projects of laws on the social aspect of life for children, youth, family, orphan care, morals and health, etc. New Hope Ukraine became one of organizations that formed the "Experts Council" group consisting of 60 deputies. New Hope Ukraine, as an organization, is known and recognized by the government of Ukraine for active and qualified work, especially with youth in public schools, universities and other educational institutions. Pray that our presence will bring a positive influence on parliament, laws for society, and most importantly, will bring glory to God and benefit for His Kingdom.

The trip to Kyiv was not easy because of a snow storm, so I could not come back home as I planned. Only after a couple days did I end up back in Lviv.

It's hard to share all cases, situations, stories, events, and testimonies for the 2009 year with you in this one letter, but let me share some short ministry facts/statistics for 2009 from the New Hope Ukraine team



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accomplishments. When I say the New Hope Ukraine team, I include you in this team because you are members of New Hope's team and that's why we can rejoice together for all of these mutual accomplishments provided by God's grace!

Children's ministry: More than 400 children visited Children's Bible Clubs. Around 2,000 children were served by other activities provided by our team.

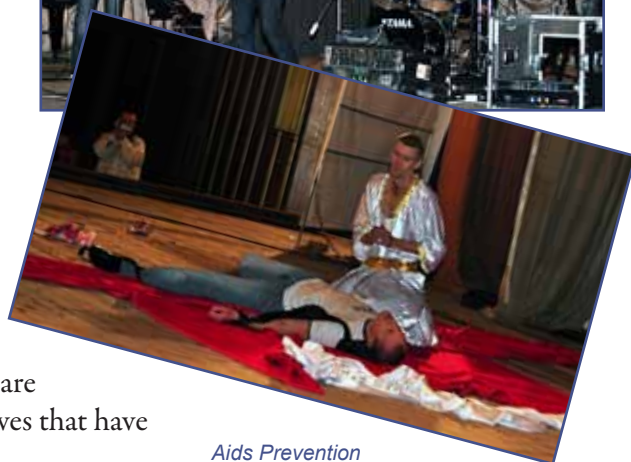
Bible Correspondence Course: More than one thousand new children joined this program. The total number of children that study Bible through this simple program is 15,385. Also, we connect them to local churches through children's Bible clubs, VBS, camps and other activities. Lessons of the Bible Correspondence Courses are used in several public schools for the Christian ethics classes.

Youth ministry: Clubs, groups, camps, and other activities led to 6,778 youth being reached by our workers.

Preventive lectures on Aids, Alcohol, etc. and No Apologies course in schools: More than 18,000 students were reached by New Hope workers in the year 2009.

Family ministry: Our family consultants served 1,861 people by counseling them on family issues.

Foster care: During this year seven new families joined our program and 33 new children were adopted. During the last six years, 78 families have adopted 219 children through the Orphan Care program! It is not just a statistic – behind these numbers there are lives that have been totally changed.



Aids Prevention

I want to give glory to God for you that you have been staying faithful supporters of the New Hope Ukraine team, both through your prayers for New Hope Ukraine's ministry and through your financial support! I want to assure you that all of the workers and volunteers deeply appreciate your investment and participation in God's ministry in Ukraine. As always, you are more than welcome to share about New Hope Ukraine and invite more partners among your friends to join the team through prayer and/or financial support.

Thank God for His mercy and faithfulness in the ministry results of the 2009 year! Please pray for:

- clear understanding of our Lord in our ministry and His protection for the 2010 year;
- wisdom in raising Mathew and Anna;
- good health for all New Hope workers and their families!

Your brother in Christ,

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