

JANZEN JOURNAL



Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

This week we had Music and Bible Camp with twenty-three children. During camp, the children learned about the love of Jesus. While Jesus lived on earth, He told parables and this week we learned about some of these parables through Bible lessons and while learning a musical called *The Story-Telling Man*. Through the musical, the children learned the

stories of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. As well as choir practice, the children also participated in bell practice, Bible lessons, English class, drama, and science experiments that taught Biblical lessons. In the afternoons, we did fun activities with the children. On the first day of camp, we went to Roger and Diane's house

in the country. We had a picnic, played games and got to see the latest additions to the McMurrin family: five puppies! Later in the week we went bowling and skating and played games in a park. On the last day of camp we went to Aquapark, Europe's biggest water park.



AQUAPARK



SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS



CHOIR PRACTICE

JUST A GLIMPSE AT THE WEEK...



It was a joy this week to watch the children become better friends. Many of the games and activities required them to cooperate and work together as a team. By the end of the week, the twenty-three children became a cohesive unit of friends who genuinely love each other.

There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. ~Luke 15:7

On the last day of camp, Kim had the opportunity to talk with the camp drama teacher, Elena. A few weeks previous, Wes had been preaching about having assurance of salvation. Elena did not have assurance so she asked Kim about it. At the end of the conversation, Elena prayed and accepted the gift of eternal life!

Later in the day, we showed the Jesus movie. At the end of the film, Natasha asked if anyone wanted to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Five children raised their hands. Together

with Natasha, Kim talked with these children in small groups and prayed with them. There is much rejoicing in heaven!

On Sunday the children performed the musical and bell songs. The children did an incredible job performing. At the end of the service, however, we all realized that we had to say good-bye to each other. Although we will be seeing each other again soon, it is still difficult to say good-bye to the precious children we just spent a whole week with.





Children's Spotlight

Nastya and I have formed a special bond over the past few years. This precious girl has had so much heartache in her short life. When she was very young, her father died under mysterious circumstances. This left the family with no source of income and they were forced to move to a hostel. Three years ago, her brother gave into alcoholism. One cold night, he was drunk and froze to death outside the front door of the hostel. Nastya and her mom were devastated and did not want to keep living. This is when I first met Nastya. She was quiet and sad and didn't want to be with the other children. But one day, I gave her a smile and she walked over to me. Without saying a word, I gave her a big hug. And that was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. It has been a joy to watch her grow. She is now a social butterfly and loves to laugh and smile. She has such a fun-loving personality.

Two Sundays ago, I was sitting next to her at church. Roger was preaching about the

importance of loving God and obeying Him. During the sermon, tears streamed down Nastya's face. After the service, I was able to talk with Nastya through Natasha, who acted as our translator. Nastya asked how she could possibly love a God who took her family away from her. That was the hardest question I have ever been asked. We had a long conversation and all three of us cried together.

During the Bible lessons at camp this week, Nastya listened intently. At the end of the week, we showed the Jesus movie and when the movie finished, Natasha asked how many people wanted to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Praise the Lord, Nastya was one of the children who raised her hand. This week, the Lord did great things in the life of Nastya. Please pray that God continues to reveal His love to her as she grows in her faith. Praise the Lord for He is good. His love endures forever!

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