

DARE TO DREAM CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION 2006



Jan Tennyson, Founder



After He rose from the dead, Jesus said,

*"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;
and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:18-20

THE POWER OF A STORY – FROM DALLAS TO RUSSIA

As I showed the video of the *Story of Jesus* on Holy Thursday to a group of sixty teen offenders, it touched my heart to see a tear flowing down the cheek of a thirteen year old boy. He had his Bible on his lap and pointed to it and said, "I heard about that story in this book." Another teenager thanked me for showing the video and said, "I never knew the whole story." The impact this one story had on generations to come changed the world.

For over eighteen years, every 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings, Dare to Dream has ministered to nearly sixty youth each month a juvenile detention center. Speakers from all walks of society share their faith, their stories, and their love.

Twice a month on Saturdays, we minister one-on-one and help a incarcerated boys learn how to read. The Bible is our textbook.

Twice a month a team ministers to a group of boys and girls at a local shelter through craft projects. These young people each have a tragic story to tell and need our love and direction.

Once a month a team ministers to an older group of young men that are getting ready to return to society. Equipping them with life-skills and a spiritual foundation allows them to leave with self-esteem and knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ.

Through the media and speaking engagements, Dare to Dream recruits volunteers, develops ministry materials and changes hurting hearts through the Love of Jesus Christ.

Ever since I was a child in grammar school, I prayed with the nuns for the salvation of Russia. On my recent Mission trip to Russia in partnership with Hillcrest Church and Children's Hope Chest, I had the privilege of enjoying dinner with some of our team at the home of one of the foster mothers. Right at the table during conversation, I had the honor of leading the mother and her daughter to accept Christ into their lives.



Yulia Frolova and Jan Tennyson

The Invitation to the Banquet Table of the King

Initiating a Dare to Dream banquet for orphans has always been a desire of my heart. Through prayer and teamwork, my dream came true, and the Banquet Table at the Vladimir Hotel was set for the Grad camp with the elegance for a King.

Each student received a small card called *The Invitation*. It was a picture of Jesus standing in a doorway looking out into the street towards a man without shoes out in the snow. In back of Jesus was a table set with beautiful dishes, silverware, flowers, and candles.

The chairs around the table were empty waiting for those who would accept *The Invitation*. The man in the street was pointing to himself - as to say, "*You have a place for ME at that beautiful banquet table?*" After dinner, students bowed their head as a translator prayed this prayer:

There is a door to your heart and Jesus is knocking on it. He can't open it against your will. He wants to lead you through the door to the Father's house in heaven. Will you open your heart to Him and receive His invitation? "Look! I have been standing at the door, and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears Me calling him and opens the door, I will come in an fellowship with him and he with Me." Rev. 3:20TLB

One might wonder, why did we take our precious time, our money, and our love to travel half way across the world to orphans who have no families to encourage, support and love them. For me the answer is simple. It is written at the beginning of this newsletter. It is an honor to be an Ambassador for the King.

With the help of Children's Hope Chest staff, Dare to Dream had the privilege of providing a thirty page manual specifically designed for graduating orphans. Dare to Dream materials were translated into Russian and each student received a personal copy of the book.

We'd like to express our gratitude to all those who invested so much time, energy, prayers, and resources to put this camp together and to make it happen. We consider it a great success. The material and topics you all put together from Dare to Dream and other sources were just what our young people needed.

Jan, we are glad that you yourself were able to come as a representative of your organization to share your faith, your life story, and the hopes and dreams you have. The grads were obviously touched and moved hearing you share.

What an utterly unforgettable event the royalty banquet turned out to be. Most of the student had never in their lives had such a fine meal in such an elegant setting. Having the three CHC mentor orphanage graduates share their personal stories was an additional impact. We agree with you that each of the grads is special and valuable and worthy of sharing in such a heavenly meal offered by Christ Himself.

Yulia Frolova (CHC staff member)
Korvan Funk (CHC staff member)

Seeing such positive examples by the people who shared their life stories will help our older orphans to find the strength they need. They only need to look deep inside to find it. Those kids start believing that others around them actually care and can help supply them with knowledge and provide practical help."

Nadezhda Koreshkova (CHC Educational Manager)

These talks about God and His Holy Spirit were additional steps to bring along the students in their faith." Tatyana Devitskaya (CHC psychologist)

I am very grateful to each of you who believe in this ministry and thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, your financial support, and your friendship. When you help me to **Go** you are right there with me. God bless you and your family.

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