

Christ has risen!

One of the greatest Christian holidays is coming. Many years ago a good Lord came to our world to save us from death. On the third day after His crucifixion He has risen and gave us a new life in His Kingdom. So may the Savior rise in your hearts and be with you in every day of your life!

Thank for all your prayers and support in this hard for our country period. The situation is still very complicated. In the east of our country is a real war. Hundreds of our husbands, fathers, brother and sons are fighting for our safety, independence, dignity, freedom of thoughts and words. We cannot be sure in the next day. In any time our occupants can come to our homes and everyday people live with fear in their hearts. The economic is really bad. Prices for everything have increased twice or even in three times. Many people don't have much money even to buy food or to



pay for electricity.



Many people in their disappointment are looking for someone who loves them and cares. And this is a good time for us as Christians to put their sight to the cross. To say, that there is power in a Name of Jesus to break every chain. So, please keep praying to our Powerful God for safety for Ukraine, and wisdom to hear the Voice of the Lord in hearts of His children.

The conference by David and Colleen Little named "Raising Up a Difficult Child" took place on 13-14 March, 2015 in Kirovograd and 15-16 March in Lviv. The seminars were organized and initiated by New Hope Ukraine.

David and Colleen are adoptive parents to two girls from Russia: Tanya and Anna. Both girls are already 21 and they came with the parents to Ukraine, but only Anna took part in the conference. She shared her own experience of being nurtured with the help of those methods and techniques offered by her parents.



I was very glad to see about 50 participants at the training in Lviv and about 18 participants in Kirovograd. They were foster and adoptive parents as well as social workers. Many of them had chance to be a part of one of our Orphan Care Camps. Parents could talk to one another and share some beautiful changes in their families since the last camp. Some of them were happy to say that being inspired of the gift being adoptive parents they felt in Orphan Care Camp they adopted more children. Another could share about great changes in their children's behavior since the last seminar at the camp.

Seminars consisted of many practical tasks to be used by parents in the future in order to build close relations with their kids. The peculiarity of the conference is that David shared his own experience of how he and his wife found the way out of conflict situations while nurturing their daughters. It should be mentioned, that both David and Colleen underwent special training course in the Texas Christian University dedicated to bringing up difficult children. Based on his knowledge, David focused on useful practices of physical and psychological development of orphan children, what in turn



gave a deeper insight into understanding their misbehavior. To make the acquirement of new information easier for parents, the lecturer divided all the participants into groups for them to discuss the most troublesome issues.

This conference was very inspiring for parents who have a difficult child in a family. In the end of the meeting every parents were given the floor to share his/her impressions of the lecture. All words are weak to describe their emotions!

Here are some feedbacks:

“We had a wonderful time here at the conference. The information was very useful and easy to understand. The spirit of a team helped us to support each other having been broken by those problems of relationship with our children. The seminar have helped us to exam our parenthood and find solutions to some our problems. Besides being a mother of 12 children, I am also a New Hope case worker of Orphan Care Ukraine, so I can use the information that I have heard hear not only to improve understanding of my children, but I can also help families with same problems in my region. Thank you for the invitation .It was worth coming. We really appreciate a great experience being part of a such blessed “Raising Up a Difficult Child” family . God bless you and your mission.”



Tamara Kononenko

Please continue to pray about safety of our country, about our Orphan Care Camp in 21-26 June, about Kononenko family and about my trip to USA in May.

God bless you,

Oksana Savka