

Bethany Christian Services in Russia

Bethany Christian Services started a ministry in Russia in 1998 when we became partners with the Russian Government for a life skills training program with the orphans in Lomonosov. Pregnancy counseling began in 2000 and a pilot program for foster care in 2007.

Approximately 26,000 children (10%) age out of orphan care each year.¹ Without intervention for these children, only 10% will adapt to life within their communities, 40% will become dependent on crime, 40% will become dependent on drugs and alcohol, and 10% will commit suicide.²

Children growing up in single parent families: 21%.³ This population is lacking the presence of fathers. The children and women are vulnerable and the children are at risk of being neglected, abused or abandoned.

You can help children through Bethany. To care for approximately 1,030 people, Bethany needs to raise \$172 per person. Bethany will see that:

- Youth will receive vital life skills education.
- Government staff will receive training and education about child welfare issues.
- Orphans are supported to develop their educational and social skills.
- Children are placed in foster care and receive ongoing services.

Help us ... Help them.

1. Federal Ministry of Education, 2006

2. Moscow General Office of the Public Prosecutor, 2003

3. Report of Children's Conditions in Russia, review by Galina Trastontskaya, expert of the National Fund for Protection of Children Against Violence, 2005.



Mission Trips
Bethany Christian Services

Russia



Vision Trip June 26 – July 3, 2009



Travel with Bethany Christian Services and experience firsthand the impact you can make in the lives of children.

- ◆ Visit Bethany supported orphanages, foster families and projects
- ◆ Enjoy the culture and magnificent architecture of Russia
- ◆ Bethany will share ongoing projects and needs in Russia



This 10 day trip is designed for up to 20 people. Travel costs cover all in-country expenses except for personal spending. Prices are based on double occupancy and may vary based on inflation and the fluctuation of the dollar. Most trip expenses are tax deductible.

Approximate Trip Cost **\$6,365*** (incl. airfare)

Registration Deadline: **March 27, 2009**

* Adjusted to market rate at time of ticket purchase



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