



EZRA News



Peter & Ellen Lucyk with Cintia at Buenos Aires Airport

The Eisik family was living in Argentina when their appeal for help came to us. Ezra had helped the oldest daughter of this family, her husband and children to make aliyah just a few years ago. They were all doing very well in Israel until a few months ago when she was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 36.

Her parents and her younger sister (in the pictures), asked us if we could help them financially to make aliyah as well so they could be of help to their daughter as she was going through chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Because of the financial gifts from our partners we were able to assist this family in their time of need. They all arrived in Israel on July 9, 2010. Upon arrival in Tel Aviv the family went straight to the hospital where their daughter Analia was having her first treatment. After many more treatments, the cancer is in remission and they are believing that it will not come back. *Will you please pray with them and the Ezra family for this special need?*

EZRA, Can You Please Help Us?

With the help of many friends in Israel, the home they moved into had all of the necessary things waiting for them to start their new lives in their new country. All the beds were prepared, kitchen table with chairs, living room furniture and a pantry full of food was all in place.

Guillermo Eisik, his wife Stela, their son Mauricio and daughter Cintia have sent many letters of appreciation for all that Ezra was able to do for them during this difficult time in their lives. They said they are looking forward to the day when they can thank one of us personally in their new home in Israel. They have settled in the town of Rehovot which is about an hour drive northeast of Jerusalem.

You our faithful partners made it possible for this story to have a happy ending.



Cintia, Mauricio and Stela Eisik

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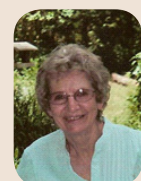
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Connected To The Promise

by Pastor Mark Little
Transformation Church
St. Augustine, Florida

***“I will bless those who
bless you; and I will curse him who
curses you...” (Genesis 12:3)***

Quite frankly, we are concerned and you should be too. It is alarming to so many Christians everywhere that the United States is softening its support for the nation of Israel. There has never been the abandonment that seems to be taking place at this time. It is obvious that the leadership in America either does not believe in God's promise in Genesis 12:3 or they are simply ignoring it. Either way, it spells trouble for this nation.

It was the fall of 2008 when Ezra International came into our lives. Ezra representatives Rev. Richard and Joan Wagner, were special guests at our church. As they were leading us in our annual missions convention what took place that day changed our lives forever.

A sovereign move of the Holy Spirit swept over our church as the Wagner's ministered to us. It was then that God spoke to us and gave us a promise that we have clung to since that day. The Holy Spirit spoke into my heart that He was not pleased with America's position on Israel. I was somewhat afraid of what would become of our nation when the Lord said to me, ***“get connected to the promise.”*** God was letting me know that this promise was more than a ***“national promise,”*** it was an ***“individual promise,”*** as well.



***Pastor Mark & Tammie Little
Transformation Church of St. Augustine***

Our church board and congregation eagerly accepted this word and made amazing monthly faith promises to Ezra International. The Lord had made it clear that America will pay the consequences of turning her back on Israel but we didn't have to go that route. If we support the nation of Israel, God will bless us individually and as a congregation.

God has been so faithful to do that. The presence of God in our church has been overwhelming. Lives have been changed. If the Lord tarries, Transformation Church will make a significant impact on the city of St. Augustine! God has promised!

God is honoring His Word. America is enduring political, social, economic and environmental disasters at this time. Meanwhile, those of us who are ***“connected to the promise”*** are seeing great demonstrations of the faithfulness of God. We thank God for Ezra International which is giving people and churches the opportunity to get connected with Israel -- to ***“get connected to the promise!”***

***Indeed, we are “connected to the promise.”
We hope you are too!***

Father's House

For many years Ezra has provided monthly support to Father's House, a beautiful Christian home for children, situated outside of Kiev. Because of a downturn in the economy and loss of some sponsors, Father's House finds themselves in a very critical financial situation. We have a sponsorship program where for \$30 per month you can sponsor a child.

(Contact Anne at annejelliott@aol.com if you would like to know more about the ***Sponsor a Child Program***).

We are very grateful for all the help from people who give to assist these needy children of Ukraine.

Bruce & Anne Elliott
Children's Work Directors



Happy Children In A Loving Environment



Children in Ezra's Children's Shelter

Ukraine Children's Work Center for Abused Children and Change-4-Children Project



"Such Is the Kingdom of Heaven" - Jesus

We have been given an exciting opportunity to really help children who have been badly abused, which has been in our hearts for a long time. The Director of Social Services in Kiev, a Christian man, has asked Ezra if we would do a center for abused children, the first of its kind in Kiev.

The center is going to be in the Myakosvago shelter building, where we have workers, but will be separate from the shelter. Children will come to the center from families in crisis, the street and some from the Ezra shelter. Their ages will range from 3 to 18 years old. We plan to begin with 12 children. Each child will be individually helped and how long they will stay there depends on their situation but will be approximately 9 months. Where children are orphans, we will be making every effort to find adoptive families. We will also have a follow-up for children and families after the children leave the center.

The daytime center workers will all be Christians and professionally qualified. Financially we need to move our shelter workers over to this new project to be able to fully staff it. Where viable, their families will also be

helped and mothers will be able to stay in the shelter also if necessary. We want this center to be a fun, happy secure environment where children not only receive the help they need but lots of love and acceptance.

We have the funds for the building renovations necessary and will have some government funding towards salaries and running costs. However, we need to raise more funds for this project. From now until the end of January we are doing a funding project called "Change-4-Children." If you individually desire or know of a group or church who would be willing to put aside change from now until the end of January (or later) to give to this project this would be a real blessing for many kids. Loose change can add up quickly!

Perhaps there is someone who would be willing to help sponsor a Christian worker in the shelter? We pay our workers \$250 a month and they do an amazing job with the children, the majority of who have never been loved or cared for before.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

"Sasha's Life of Horror"

There are many young kids in the Isolator unit of Ezra's Children Shelter in Kiev, Ukraine. Some of the children are seven and eight years old but because of malnutrition they look as if they are four or five. There are children at the shelter as young as four years old that were taken off the streets of Kiev. Nearly all of them come from families in crisis.

Vova is a thirteen year old boy whose mother left him at home for a week to go look for work. There is no father in the family. In his mother's absence Vova went to the streets and met some other street kids, and began sniffing glue. The police found him at the market and brought him to the Ezra shelter where he is receiving loving care from the Ezra staff.

And then there is Sasha, a twelve year old boy who lived on the streets at the train station

in Kiev for four years because his parents were alcoholics. Sasha witnessed his drunken mother kill his father. Shasha has a brother and a sister that are in an orphanage but he has no idea where. His mother was recently released from prison, returned home and in a drunken stupor she burned their house down.

Sasha knows no other life than living at the train station. He has no idea of what a functioning Christian home is like but at the Ezra shelter he is experiencing a life of love, stability and a life of hope. These changed lives would be impossible without the continuing financial support of you, our monthly partners. Thank

you so much for giving these precious children a second chance at life.



Sasha with an Ezra Children's worker



Ezra International Staff in Kiev, Ukraine

The highlight for me was visiting the Jewish families in their tiny apartments (government owned), sparsely furnished and in terrible disrepair. The first family with two young girls was still very hesitant to go to Israel, so those who had been to the land shared how wonderful Israel is and what benefits/opportunities there are and we prayed with them. The visit was short and I wondered how we could make an impact on this family. But God only needs our presence while He works in the hearts of His people. Two days later, Tiesa received a call that they definitely wanted to go and to proceed with the necessary paperwork.

Each family we visited had heart breaking stories of daily struggles living under a government where anti-Semitism is still prevalent. While the material/monetary gifts were so desperately needed by the families we visited, our presence as Christians physically being there in their apartments and praying with them is the most precious gift, showing them that they are not alone nor forgotten.

Whether or not you have ever been on such a trip or not I encourage you to join Barry on his next "Fishing Trip" to Ukraine. It will be life changing as you meet the Ezra staff and these precious Jewish families who are still the Apple of God's eye.

**Ellen Divan
Kingston, Rhode Island**

Note: The 2011 Jeremiah 16:16 "Fishing Trip" to Kiev and Odessa Ukraine will take place September 15th through September 24th. If you would like to participate you can register on the Ezra web site at www.ezrausa.org. You may also call Barry Wagner at the Ezra office at (352) 394-4673 for more details.

Impressions Left By This Year's Jeremiah 16:16 "Fishing Trip"

Below is just a sample of the impact made upon two members of this year's Jeremiah 16:16 "Fishing Trip" to Ukraine

I can't begin to know how to express our appreciation to you and the Ezra teams for the experiences which God provided for us through you all. Having now been home a week, I still have not been able to speak to anyone of the trip without crying. With concentrated effort, I manage to say that it was an awakening, a spiritual awakening. I don't need to know the precise details of what the Lord did within Ben and I while in Ukraine nor how He circumcised our hearts, I simply need to acknowledge that our lives have been changed...for His eternal purposes and for His chosen people.

I feel Barry, that this trip was a beginning, not an end. I spoke at length today with Muriel; we are going to partner in corporate prayer regarding God's will for our lives specifically with Ezra International. We all desire to be obedient to our Father's will.

**Benjamin & Jo Anne Jaworski
New Hampshire & Vermont Representatives**



2010 Jeremiah 16:16 "Fishing Trip Team"

“Go Away and Give the Children to the Orphanage”

*Lyudmila and Zhanna Boyarskaya
Kharkov, Ukraine*

As Lyudmila says: “My life is full of terrifying stories.” Lyudmila and her parents lived in a dark, cold damp cellar. Lyudmila’s father was a military man and worked in aviation but in the former USSR Jewish workers so salaries and awful went to the authorities conditions; there he and looking for a many other offensive dismissed without found themselves in cellar, intimidated by dared to write the complaint to Stalin and they were moved from a cellar to a barracks of 15 square meters for four people, without a kitchen or a toilet.



they did not appreciate they humiliated them with low living conditions. Her father asking for better living was asked: “Are you better Jews are always complaining better place!” They used words. Soon he was any severance pay. So they a pitiful position, living in a the future. Then the father

Lyudmila says: “My father never hid his Jewishness, he didn’t change his last name like others and as a result he and us children suffered a lot.” Children on the street often called us “Yids”, “Yid’s children” etc. Even nowadays Lyudmila’s grandson often hears the same nicknames.

Lyudmila’s husband abandoned her with two eight month old twins saying: “Go away and give the children to the orphanage.” She was afraid that her evil husband would force her out of the house with two children. At that time the law always protected mothers and children. So, everything finished well for them, but she had to work three shifts at the factory, and the children were placed in a kindergarten for 24 hours. The children suffered without their mother and Lyuda suffered without them, but there was no other way. Nobody wished to help them.

Lyudmila’s daughter -- Zhanna is an invalid who is suffering from diabetes and she is lame. Lyudmila’s second daughter considers her family as being extremely poor.

During the preparation of document process we asked the father for his birth certificate but he refused to help us. Praise the Lord for the local Consul who did an inquiry in Israel on his documents and we received permission for repatriation. “We faced many obstacles during these months of preparation, but now everthing is ready and we are leaving.”

“We are so glad that we can finally be free in Israel, we believe in our new happy life in the Promised Land. Thank you Ezra for all of your help, support and inspiration! Without your help our new life would be impossible.”

MAY WE INTRODUCE THREE NEW EZRA FAMILY MEMBERS? . . .



*Muriel Trefry – Northern New England
Representative*

Muriel has been in ministry for more than nineteen years as an ordained minister and worship leader. However, her compassion for the Jewish people started many years earlier when the LORD gave her the name “Ruth.” She has visited Israel many times, leading a tour, volunteering at a Messianic Ministry and is presently associated with a home for holocaust survivors in Jerusalem.

Muriel’s heart’s desire and vision has been to aid the Jewish people worldwide in returning to their homeland, Israel. In July 2009, that desire began to be realized, when she had the opportunity to visit Ukraine on a Jeremiah 16:16 “Fishing Trip.”

To have Muriel speak at your church or group you may contact her at tref@g4com.net or phone 603-684-0109.



*Benjamin & Jo Anne Jaworski – New Hampshire &
Vermont Representatives*

God introduced Ben to Jo Anne at a bible school ten years ago. As opposite as day & night, neither can deny their God-given love for each other, but more importantly for The Holy One of Israel and His people. Presently Ben and Jo Anne make their home in New Hampshire where they both work full time and oversee a small home fellowship.

During a recent visit from Vice President, Rev. Barry Wagner, Ben & Jo Anne responded to “the call” to become a part of the Ezra International Family helping to represent the ministry of Ezra International throughout New England.

If you would like to have Ben and Jo Anne come to your church, Bible Study group or home fellowship you can contact them at benjoannej@charter.net or by calling 603-787-6658.