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LEADERSHIP ACTIVATING MINISTRY

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Greetings to All – it is sometimes difficult to update the journal, especially when we are updating the blog almost every day. There is so much to share and I really want to get this out to you – our supporters.

KYRGYZSTAN

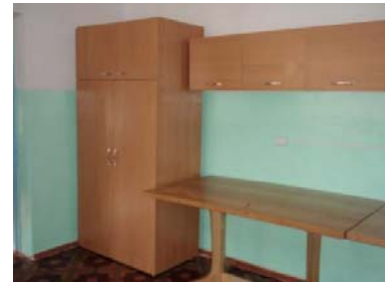
We arrived on February 24th to spring. Our feet hardly touched the ground and we are still sailing along at high speed. Here are the high points:

Kemin Senior Home – the heat is going and there are now 15 seniors in the home. They are doing well and the home is beginning to look like a place that they can call home.



Dr. Jordan Greenbaum giving scarves she made to every woman at the Kemin Home. They were thrilled with the warm gift. She loved on them – each one when giving the scarves. What a delight!

The director has done a great job with what resources she has or we or others have given her. The Gift of God Friendship Center (part 1) is almost done. The cupboards are in – we just need to purchase the furniture next and load them up with things to do. In addition we want to purchase a sewing machine for them.



Part of the room. It got new walls, ceilings, electrical fixtures and outlets galore. In addition, there are three large solid oak top tables for them. Already in use by one grandfather doing electronics!

We took fruit and buns to them and will be taking the furniture soon. We shopped in Bishkek for the chairs we need and for the dining room furniture to be purchased. We have about \$1,500 in furniture to purchase next. 30 chairs and six solid dining room tables and two “comfy” chairs for putting beside the window for

reading and relaxing.

Over the next months we will do more for them – food, supplies and spending time with them. Our team has some great plans for the seniors: hair day, hand and foot massages, cooking for them and playing board games with them. Of course we will lose – there is a chess and checker camp named Alexy there – and he will win!



The new furnace – all fired up!

Iskra – Home for Disabled Men – There are over 250 men at the home and they now have a new director. This man seems to be very focused on bringing hope and dignity

to the men. We took lots of tangerines and breakfast buns to them and the director wanted to show us his needs and what he has accomplished. He has the men painting rooms, cleaning up things and doing the best he can getting things in order. It is a very sad sight. They have mold and other fungi growing on the walls, the ceilings and in each of the rooms. The floors are broken. They have only a few spoons, not enough plates/bowls for each of the men to eat. The dining room furniture is unsteady and not enough for everyone to sit at the same time. Chairs and tables are falling apart. The home is full of lice. The men have one sheet and one blanket on their bed. They have no washing machine, no dryer, and no hot water. To wash the bedding – it takes days for things to dry – leaving them without bedding until it is dry. It is damp and cold inside.



On the ceiling – fungi and mold – plus a leaky ceiling.

Yet there is hope. Things are changing. The director borrowed \$1,000 from a friend to purchase paint. Six rooms have been painted – by the men. They are waiting to get more paint and then to fix the floors. More rooms need painted – and they will need more resources to do this.



Bed and floor needing attention.

The artist is working hard – others want to do crafts and art. There is talent here. We have a donor to start a “cottage industry”. We would “hire” the main artist to coordinate the other craftsmen and artists to come to the (hope someday to have) art room and create their masterpieces. Then we find outlets to sell the items – teams, US and Canadian outlets. The funds they make they put back into more supplies and maybe even some things for the facility or themselves too. Stay tuned to watch this project come to reality.

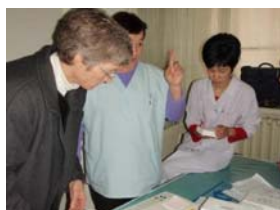


Dr. Jordan with Iskra resident . Watch for the new artists gallery!



The art - it could be sold to bring hope and dignity to many!

Hospital – Dr. Jitsun and a New EKG Machine - It has been almost two years since Dr. Jitsun asked us for a new ekg machine. The one the hospital was using has long



Dr. Jordan and Dr. Jitsun and nurse. I think that is the finger that got the machine in trouble! 😊

been broken and only sometimes worked. Well, enter a new machine and Praise God, we had a doctor with us who worked through the instructions with them to teach them how to use it. The machine is a donation from one of our partners – Possibilities International. Dr. Jordan Greenbaum, our visiting doctor used Lynn as a patient and got the machine in perfect working order. After leaving the hospital and the staff all getting ekg's, they called three days later – THE MACHINE WAS BROKEN. Well, it was not broken, there had just been too many fingers pushing buttons and the “coordinates” were re-set incorrectly. Enter Dr. Jordan again – and of course our patient Lynn – and all is well once again.

In addition, the hospital now has the new floor and a new bathroom. PTL...progress has been made, thanks to you and to our partners.

Medical Lectures – Dr. Jordan Greenbaum – We were honored to have the Institute for Human Services from Ohio sponsor Dr. Jordan to come to Kyrgyzstan and present critical lectures on the issue of Child Abuse. Dr. Jordan gave three lectures which were attended by police, doctors, government workers, child welfare practitioners, university faculty and students. Over the three lectures, she was able to reach about 100 persons.



Dr. Jordan at the Humanitarian University in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Dr. Jordan also worked alongside of us at several of the different projects we help. She has critical expertise that is so needed in this country. We are planning her next trip already – she was a much welcomed resource to all whom she met. We were informed the professional staff get little to no training on child abuse. In addition, youth get little to no education on how to keep safe from sexual or physical abuse.

Dr. Jordan was a huge blessing to the attendees of each of her lectures. We thank God for sending her to us.

Orlovka Orphanage – We took a fruit drop to the children at the orphanage. We wanted to see how things were going and to make a plan for more support and help. Stay tuned for more about this orphanage.

Humanitarian University – The project is well on the way. After meeting with the Dean of the Faculty and the President of the Kyrgyz Association of Social Workers, we are ready to create an agreement for our work. We will help them create a specialty year in the area of children and family services. Helping us will be Chris Tappan, from New Hampshire and Dr. Eileen Lally from Alaska. We are honored to have such quality volunteers for this project.

Local Churches – Chinese and Rambojay – Lynn is still “sharing” at these churches. We walk carefully and do not want to report too much. However, God has blessed all and the time to be able to share His word is ever present. We thank you all for your prayers as this country works through this new law and restrictions set before those of us who are here to serve.



The three older children – the oldest Mylinta need eye surgery – and a plastic eye replacement. Want to help?

Jessica's Family - You will remember this family from previous blogs and journals. They are doing okay. We were impressed to find father, mother and all children there each of the three times we have visited since returning. They are doing amazingly well. Mother was able to purchase some paint and has painted several walls. She is doing the best she can keeping her home straightened up. We plan to help in some major ways. We found out she owns this apartment. However, they have no bathroom indoors, no running water inside, no gas, only electricity. They desperately need a new door and we want to get that for them – they need frame and door – at a cost of only \$250. In addition, they need a stove, and some simple furniture. They sit on the floor. They do have a few beds, but need bedding.



The whole family. The new baby is Mylena.

It is wonderful to meet their new daughter – the one they wanted to abort but did not have enough money. She is 8 months old now, chubby and cute as a button. How about an apartment makeover for them? We have a team coming in a few weeks – maybe this is a good project for them. Pray for wisdom on how to work with this young family. They have received our help with much genuine appreciation.

Just to compete the update:

1. Ruby is now in Ukraine doing training. Lynn will join her this weekend and then they return to Kyrgyzstan.
2. Team members Pastor David and Jayne will be joining them in one week.
3. The Adoption Conference in Ukraine will be April 23,24,25.
4. There will be several needed food drops happening soon.
5. Seniors will get new clothing items soon.
6. Lynn is starting Leadership training with Mercy Foundation in Tokmok this next week.
7. Lynn is starting Leadership training in Ukraine with Father's House the week after.
8. We are preparing for our Canadian Team to arrive into Kyrgyzstan on March 28th – they will be serving with us for two weeks!
9. Kemin foster care project will continue and we hope to have at least three families going by the end of May.
10. Strategizing the opening of two or three new foster care group homes - to help children stay out of orphanage. We would purchase two/three homes and establish a comprehensive program working with the local churches to create a family based home for children.

MORE? Yes, much more, but that is enough for now. Please know we totally understand we cannot do this without your prayers and support. Be blessed.

The LAMb Team