



"My name is Masha, I have two sisters, and we are raised by one mother. There is always not enough money to buy clothes, and we wear things with the sisters in turn. Sometimes it happens that there is nothing to put on since my sisters put on the shoes first. When we were given clothes at the Day Center, I was very happy! Finally, I will have my own shoes, and not only shoes, but also clothes, bedding and even toys. Many thanks to those who made this possible!"



In Belarus, many families are struggling with extreme poverty. Dads often disappear to find work in

other countries, never to return. Moms struggle to manage, and dropping kids at the orphanage is common. Alcohol is a huge problem as they live without much hope of a bright future. In July YFC Belarus received the container we packed in March, full of items to help them reach out to kids and families who are in these kind of circumstances. Here is another story from their distribution report:

"Kiryusha is 12 years old and lives in the village of Radoshkovichi. He attends the Day Center and actively participates. Kiryusha only recently returned from the orphanage at the end of April, and is so small and fragile. His mother drinks and does not take care of the children, and the older sister studies and cannot look after her brother. Kiryusha was temporarily sent to the orphanage so that he would be there under supervision and not starve, but now he is at home because the mom was given time by the probationary guardianship authorities. They live poorly, the atmosphere in the house is poor. Mom doesn't want to let the YFC volunteers go into her home to help because she is ashamed. One new year, Kiryusha's older sister made a wish - to receive a shampoo as a gift, because many children do not have basic body care products. It was great to see the children's eyes shine when presented with cool sneakers, nice clothes and hygiene items! We pray and hope that mom will change her mind and take care of the children, and that our practical help will allow us further access into their lives to share the hope found in Jesus."





YFC Belarus partners with churches across their country to run Day Centres - a place for kids to go after school to be fed, helped with their homework, do fun activities, and learn about a God who loves them. Having this kind of support is huge for the families, and kids go from being down and discouraged, not doing well in school, and feeling bad about themselves, to being transformed by the love and encouragement given to them. Plus kids and families are ultimately transformed by the love of God and hope found in Jesus. What a privilege to play a part in what God is doing! By praying and giving financially to this ministry, you too are a part of seeing lives changed as YFC Belarus reaches out to be the hands and feet of Jesus to people who desperately need it. Thank you! I am still waiting for a report on the hockey equipment we sent over as well, and will be sure to pass it along when I receive it.

Many blessings to you, and may you be inspired to find ways to help others through simple acts of kindness and encouragement that can make a world of difference!

Dave

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