

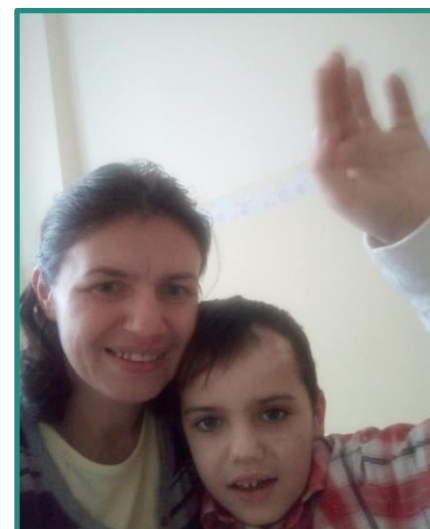


**Merry Christmas and Happy New year 2019, dear friends!**

The time flies so fast, we are almost in the middle of the school year and ready to share our highlights with you for the past 2 months...

**What's new for the past two months?**

1. First of all a huge thank you for your support both financial and your prayers of our boy Petrus, who was hit by a car in October and received serious trauma to his head. After being in a medically-induced coma and having surgery, he is recovering very fast, with the help of doctors and prayers from people all over the world. This is God's miracle which we (to be honest) didn't expect, the doctors didn't give us any hopes. Now he can sit, he smiles, he says some words, he tries to hold his head, please keep praying for him!



2. Planning ahead with our team at the end of each month helps us to include different activities with kids. Each week has a topic, the week of "Professions" we visited an IT



company, on Math week we went to the Evrika museum, on Geography week we had a quiz show with Geography questions trying to motivate the kids to learn more.

3. On November 23 we had the final training in this year for the local government social workers, the main topic of discussion was "Discipline", our psychologists Olga and Iryna taught about methods of correction for negative behavior and taught social staff how to create therapeutic fairy tales and apply them.



4. In November and December two of our staff members had an opportunity to attend a special course "Art-therapy in working with traumatized people". This therapy can be an important tool for working with individuals, and parental work groups.

5. We would like to introduce our new staff member, **Olga Bondarenko**, our speech therapist. WE are happy to see our team growing!

#### Our prayer needs:

- Keep praying for wisdom for our team in our work and for more trained workers to help in our center who would be qualified to work with kids.
- For a new project which we would like to start at a new location in Lviv with Trinity Baptist Church.
- Our families and their healing process, the future summer camps in 2019



**Andriyko Ognisty** is 8 years old. His hobby is drawing. He painted his nephew very nicely, who is 1-year-old. He dreams to become director of a private bank. He is proud that he is already a second-grader. Favorite subject in school is Ukrainian literature. Favorite time of the year is autumn, so he is very happy that colorful leaves fall down. A pleasant event that happened in the last 2 months in his life is the day when he and his mother went to the cafe to celebrate the birthday of his nephew, who turned 1-year-old. What upsets him in the last 2 months is that, he was not able to go with his classmates on a 3D movie. He would like us to pray for his health and that everything will be fine with his mother.

