



## The Belarus Fund

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Thank you to everyone who has continued to support The Belarus Fund. This has ensured provision for many people and projects in Belarus. We now have so many new friends there, it is like "home" to us.

Last winter was extra long, with massive falls of snow, but less cold than usual (only -20 centigrade instead of down to -30). The snow was still melting when we arrived on 16<sup>th</sup> April.



On the day we travelled to Belarus, our dear friend Sveta died, so on our first day in country we went to her funeral. Sveta was just 33 and had lived her whole life with health problems. Sadly, her heart was too weak to withstand the operation she needed. Sveta, we will miss you.



At the Molodechno School for the Blind and Deaf/Blind, we caught up with Christina. She graduates this summer and has grown into a poised and confident young woman. We first met her in 2008 learning to cook in the new

domestic kitchen at the school. Great work is done here to equip the pupils for life in a sighted world.

Little Peter with Epidermolysis Bullosa has been to Germany for a very successful operation to separate the fused fingers on his right hand and plans are already in place for him to have the other hand done this autumn. He has been very brave.

He is a very clever boy and can speak some English and German as well as Russian, and he is still only 5 years old.



It is always a joy to visit the babies and toddlers at the abandoned babies home. The new washing machine and spin dryer are working well, keeping the 121 children in clean and dry clothes and bedding. The children are all well cared for



and loved here, and are always happy when we visit.

Sudocrem is very much appreciated in Belarus. It has many uses and has been found to be an effective treatment against bedsores. Thank you to everyone who brought us a pot.

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