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2016 Newsletter

To our surprise, Anna and Andrej have moved apartments to the ground floor in a different block and with a room for each of them. It resembles a building site but is in the process of being renovated. Andrej is delighted with the move.



Because of surgery on Janet's spine, we were not able to travel as widely as usual, but arranged for some people to meet us where we were. This has worked well, and may have to continue for future visits. Our team of volunteer visitors in Belarus grows ever larger and they are all doing an amazing job. Their devotion and great ideas inspire us.

As we approached the airport for our return home, Nic received this text "Without you and our dear English people, we just won't survive, either morally or physically. Thank you for everything".

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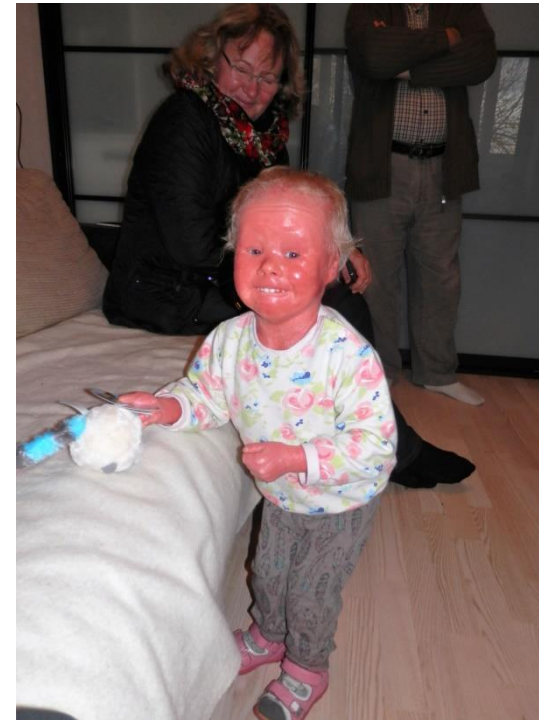
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In 2016, there were two team visits to Belarus. Louise and Christine visited in April, Alan and Janet followed in October.

How to go from summer to winter in 1 week in October. We woke up on the first day to warm sunshine and 20 deg., the leaves were rapidly turning on the trees and looking beautiful. Four days later it was almost freezing and we could see our breath coming out in clouds. The communal heating systems were not switched on yet, so it was as cold inside as it was out. Autumn is extra, extra short.



It was a great pleasure to meet **Varvara**, aged 3, who is such a bright little star. She sang "Twinkle, twinkle" to us in English while dancing around the room which she learned from a TV cartoon. She has Harlequin Ichthyosis and needs a skin care regime twice each day to keep her skin hydrated and also a humidifier. Her grandparents have moved out of their home to allow Varvara and her mama and papa to live more comfortably.

One or two families are now able to manage without support and new families have been able to join. Varvara's is one of these. Time, a visit, and a little money make a big impact here.