

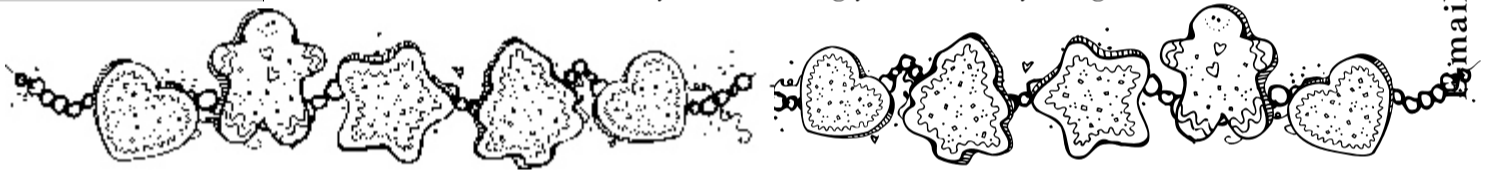
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Please pray for Denis Baikov, President of the Board of Directors for our office in Pushkin. He has donated countless hours of his time to Silent Voices. He has undergone multiple surgeries for cleft palate - his last operation was in August. The artificial palate that was implanted has broken, and the doctors won't replace it without \$800. If it is not replaced immediately, he will be unable to talk, and will have other serious health issues. If you would like to help pay for his surgery, you can send your contribution to Logos Church, c/o Mary Ann Gifford, 19514 Crescent Beach Road, Three Rivers, MI 49093. Checks should be made payable to Wakelee U.M. Church, and the gift designated to Logos Church: Benevolence Ministry. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. (Logos Church is able to send money to Russia much more quickly than Silent Voices, which is why we're asking you to send your gift to them.)

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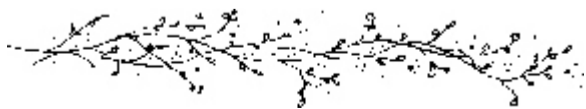
Bridges

Sharing Our Needs...

Some of our Bridges moms will be attending a Christmas outreach at East Valley Christian Fellowship on December 12 - please pray that God uses it to show them their need for a personal relationship with Jesus!

Don't forget our moms this Christmas! In the past, we've given our moms gift certificates to Target, WalMart, Kmart, etc, so that they can shop for the things they know their child needs. Please consider purchasing a gift certificate as a donation for our moms! If you would rather have us pick up the gift certificates for you, please let us know that's how you'd like us to use your next gift!

We'd like to thank **East Lake Community Church** for providing six of our moms with food baskets this Thanksgiving! We KNOW our moms - and their families - were blessed!



In a recent report published by Reader's Digest, it was noted that the number of nonprofit groups competing for donations has doubled in the last 15 years. Now, instead of merely asking for a donation, many organizations are offering "sponsorships." For instance, you can adopt a bison (\$40), a whale (\$35), a bat (the \$15 fee also gets you an "endearing letter from your bat), or a hissing cockroach (\$25 - a popular choice at the National Zoo in D.C.). We can't offer you anything quite so esoteric as a hissing cockroach - but we CAN offer you an opportunity to make an eternal difference in the life of a child!

Ever since the report about Ice Cream Social, we've had people asking if we still need their donations "since we did so well." The answer is yes - Yes - YES! The fund raising events we do each year are necessary to supplement the income we receive from our donors, and accounts for only about 30% of our budget. For the last few years, we've had to draw from a reserve account to cover expenses that have exceeded our income, which is not something we can do indefinitely.

We have grown considerably in the last few years - both here and abroad. At the same time, costs for just about everything - everywhere - have gone up. What we could once do in Russia or Zambia with \$100/month, now requires \$200-\$400. We mentioned in our last newsletter that we really feel the need to raise the support for our centers overseas - but will be unable to do so unless we are able to increase our income.

We KNOW that God is faithful - and that "where He guides - He provides." And - we've seen Him provide in ways that have been totally unforeseen and unexpected. So - we don't want to limit what we do for Him based upon what we can see - we are choosing to continue to walk by faith, trusting that He will move on the hearts of His children to support the work of Silent Voices.

