

So I would like to sit here and tell everyone how I heard God's call and jumped out of my comfy chair and got on the first plane to Russia, but it didn't happen like that. I first heard about Strategic Angel Care a little over a year ago when John spoke to my small group on one Sunday morning. At the time I was touched by his presentation



and shocked by the terrible statistics regarding orphaned children in Russia, but no closer to going to Russia. I was unemployed and had a whole list of reasons why I couldn't go besides money; the language is too hard, maybe later when I have more time, I am too new in my faith, I will just fall in love with all the kids and want to bring them all home with me... you know the routine.

The funny thing is in all my protesting and excuses it seemed like going to Russia was all I could think about for weeks after hearing John's presentation. Finally one day my wife Stephanie had heard enough and said "will you just shut up and go to Russia already!" Looking back I think God was the same thing all

saying along, but I was fighting it. So He used my wife to smack me in the head and get me moving.

A year later I have been to Russia twice with John and I will continue go back every chance I get. What I have learned is that if you wait for the timing to be perfect or the bank account to be big enough there will always be something to keep you from going. If something has touched your heart stop making excuses and start making plans.

— Jim Kirk

Strategic Angel Care (SAC) is non-profit ministry originally started in January of 2002 to help the children of the "Child in Danger" Shelter in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In a direct application of Matthew 25, we serve the children's physical and emotional needs along with their spiritual needs.

"...to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." — Matthew 25:40

SAC works to *disciple* and *spend time* with these orphans to build relationships so they can build upon their new faith in Christ. We visit the same ministry sites during our mission trips enabling a continuity of relationships so that orphans and hurting children don't develop a feeling of abandonment.

More than that, SAC encourages local Russian churches and other volunteers to be involved in orphan care through SAC as an outreach of their church that will help them develop their eager membership for leadership roles that serve to advance and strengthen their own church body.

Has God touched your heart to help these orphaned and hurting children?

Contact us if you want to make a difference!

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Donations can be made out to:
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Strategic Angel Care is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed with others who share our same passion for the orphans in Russia, to encourage direct personal involvement in missions, to provide for their physical well being and to share the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.



Go
on a Mission
Trip and
experience...



St. Petersburg
Russia

An **Orphan** is
waiting for **You** to
tell them about

Jesus!

Mission Trips 2009

Orphan Facts

After the fall of Soviet rule in 1991, the number of abandoned children has risen sharply.

The St. Petersburg region has 122 state orphanages, accommodating approximately 100 children each. There



are only six private shelters, housing up to 25 street children each.

Based on the St. Petersburg Governor's report, 40,000 street children live in St. Petersburg and the surrounding area.

Today, more orphans and street children live in Russia than following in the aftermath of W.W.II.

Each year Russia released orphans into society after they turn 16 years old. With no skills, they must find a job, a place to live, and a way to survive. Most don't.

One report indicates that within five years of being released 9 out of 10 graduate orphans end up in crime, prison, prostitution, drug addicted, or homeless. Another 5% of graduate orphans will have committed suicide.



Your Mission

- ◆ Bring Humanitarian Aid
- ◆ Share Christ
- ◆ Discipleship
- ◆ Partner with Local Churches
- ◆ Youth Leadership Development

2009 Mission Trips

Our teams lead Bible Study, Crafts, and Sports and Games activities in small group settings of 15-25 kids to spend time with the kids and build relationships. At the summer camp we also teach English as a Second Language (ESL) and make "Angel Visits" sharing a song and a short story from the Bible before they go to bed.



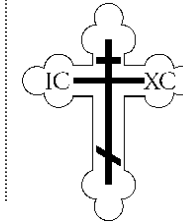
Location	Reference ID	Departure	Duration	Ministry Sites	Type of Trip	Walking	Cost	Trip Leader	Deadline
St. Petersburg	ROL090320	Fri, Mar 20	9 Days	Transition Home, Orphan Dormitories	Mentoring Bible Study	1-2 miles	\$1,600 + Airfare	Nancy Durrett	Sat, Dec 20
Rostov	ROV090401	Wed, Apr 1	8 Days	Orphanage Shelter, Children's Hospital	Exploratory	1-2 miles	\$1,600 + Airfare	John Neese	Thu, Jan 1
St. Petersburg	STP090410	Fri, Apr 10	9 Days	Orphanage Shelter, Children's Hospital	VBS	3-5 miles	\$1,600 + Airfare	John Neese	Sat, Jan 10
Sosnovo	SOS090419	Fri, Apr 17	9 Days	Orphanage Day Center for at-risk kids	VBS	1-2 miles	\$1,600 + Airfare	John Neese	Sat, Jan 17
Camp Greentown	CMP090717	Fri, Jul 17	16 Days	Summer Camp	ESL Sports & Crafts	1-2 miles	\$1,900 + Airfare	John Neese	Thu, Mar 19
St. Petersburg	STP091009	Fri, Oct 9	9 Days	Orphanage Shelter, Children's Hospital	VBS	3-5 miles per day	\$1,600 + Airfare	John Neese	Sat, Jul 11
Lomonosov	LOM091016	Fri, Oct 16	9 Days	Baby Home Orphanage Transition Home	VBS	1-2 miles	\$1,600 + Airfare	Susan Bollinger	Sat, Jul 18

What Will You Do?

Many people talk to me about going on a mission trip but let obstacles get in the way.

- ◆ Oh, if I went I would just want to bring all those kids home with me.
- ◆ I don't have the money to go now, but after we pay for <fill in blank> we'll try to go.
- ◆ The time is not good right now as I have too many other commitments.

James 1:27 asks us to "...visit the orphans in their distress...", saying nothing about bringing them home. If God wants you to go, He can provide the funds and the time. God doesn't need us to perform His wonders, He just needs our obedience. So what will you do?



- ◆ Pray about going. SAC only wants people that have submitted to God's will for them to go on a mission trip.
- ◆ Go to the SAC Website under Trip Registration and fill out the forms. All the directions are there!

Pray for Us



- ◆ That the orphans will find the hope that is in Jesus Christ rather than the hopelessness that surrounds their daily life.
- ◆ That the door into Russia to bring the hope of Christ will stay open.