

RUSSIA – CDI MEDICAL/DENTAL FUND



In November of last year CDI established a medical/dental fund to meet the specific medical and dental needs of those in the orphanages and the children at the family centers. In the top picture is a girl named Dasha with her mother. Dasha is one of 11 adopted children and is currently in a children's hospital in St. Petersburg. It is suspected that she has bone marrow cancer, but has been on a State waiting list for many months to have the tests to confirm this diagnosis. When we went to visit her in the hospital, we were appalled by the conditions. She was in a small 6' x 8' room with a dirty cot, paint peeling off of the walls, and no medical supplies or equipment in sight. It was heartbreaking. The second picture is of one of the children at the orphanage at Peterhoff. She needs special daily enzymes in order to survive. The CDI medical/dental fund is designed to help meet the needs of children like Dasha and others.