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### ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

In his recent book, "Nothing is True and Everything is Possible: The Surreal Heart of the New Russia", author Peter Pomerantsev, describes the dangerous new propaganda and information warfare that is being waged by current Kremlin leaders. He writes, "The new Russia doesn't just deal in the petty disinformation, forgeries, lies, leaks, and cyber-sabotage usually associated with information warfare. It reinvents reality, creating mass hallucinations that then translate into political action." This activity has invaded many segments of society, even child welfare. These tactics led many Russians to the belief that children adopted by Americans were being "exported" for body parts, or were routinely subjected to abuse and exploitation. This created an undercurrent of political opinion which, when an opening arose, enabled a ban on American adoptions along with the accompanying assurance that Russia has taken care of its "orphan problem". The problem with misinformation is that it is just that...misinformation.

In fact, the "orphan problem" remains a significant issue. International adoptions are nearly extinct. Many orphanages have been or are being closed. But, while the propagandists would have us believe that this is due to the orphan crisis being solved, many of these changes are "paper changes" only, designed to continue the misinformation stream that "there's not an orphan problem". No doubt there have been improvements in some facilities and in education and programming to help reduce the grim statistics that have long been associated with "aged out" orphans. But, huge numbers of children still are living inside and outside the Russian orphanage system, most with some physical, emotional or mental special needs.

It is in this complex and often contradictory setting that "Friends of Russian Orphans" now operates. On one hand, we see misinformation and government action that seems to disregard the best interest of the children. On the other hand, we see dedicated, sincere caregivers and advocates in Russia who work tirelessly to try to improve the lives of the children.

### FORO NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL HELP!

Because of these factors, and more, FORO's work in Russia is more complex and challenging than ever before. As certain locations have become closed to FORO for political reasons, other

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locations have opened up. A FORO team who visited Russia this summer came back with impressions that confirm the new realities of the orphan situation in Russia. Help is needed, but it must be delivered in careful and targeted ways.

This past year, FORO has been successful in navigating the current political and social complexities to continue our help for Russian orphans. We have provided medical equipment and building improvements, basic needs including clothes and diapers, continued long-standing programs aimed at emotional and intellectual development, and, with our local colleagues, presented several Bible School programs. We hope to continue this work in 2016, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP! Won't you consider making a financial donation to support FORO's work as part of your year-end giving? You can use the enclosed envelope or make a donation on-line at [www.fororphans.org](http://www.fororphans.org)

FORO is based in the great state of Ohio whose motto is "With God, all things are possible". Our truth lies not in what government officials and media cronies feed us, but in what God, through His Word and presence promises. He tells us that children, and particularly orphans, are precious and deserving of our love and care. He tells us that we are to be His hands and feet in this world to meet practical needs, to give support to those who carry the burden of caring for children on a daily basis, and to give spiritual aid and comfort...all things FORO is trying to do. Yes, with God, through you, all things are possible...including the possibility of a better life and future and introduction to the Gospel for some orphan children far away.

God bless you for your help!

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Wurster  
President

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