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## *"Go-With-the-Flow" Advice*

*written by Laura & Sasha O.*

This correspondence has been long long overdue. My husband and I traveled to Kudymkar, Perm Russia through the helpful hands of Caring Homes in January 2004. This was a one trip process that included staying with people in their homes as well as a hotel visit in Moscow. We brought home our son Daniel from this small village and life has never been the same,, happily so!! He has filled our hearts and souls with so much joy that it is hard to comprehend him ever being anywhere else other than with us. But the truth is, he came from a 'Home of Children' (orphanage in our terms) and had spent the first six months in a hospital and the next six months at the Home before we brought him to Canada.



When we began the journey of adoption, we were filled with all the questions, fears and apprehensions I am sure a large majority of people feel. We almost over-researched the options and came to the conclusion it is all about trust. Trust in your decision you are doing the

best/right thing for you and your family and trust in the hands of the agency that will facilitate your dream. The thing we liked most about Caring Homes is that they did not paint a picture of perfection - nothing wrong with perfection but it doesn't always exist in such processes. Arnie and Lidia clearly told us nothing is guaranteed. At first, we thought, "What do you mean, no guarantee. All this money and travel and no total guarantee to bring back a healthy, happy child?" Then they explained the process and the commitment of their team of people in Russia that help make dreams happen. They can only do their best and hope for the ultimate result of adoption. We appreciated the honesty and that is when the trust began.



We had our share of obstacles dealing with the Russian Embassy and breaking in new staff at Caring Homes but it all worked out and the learning has helped others going forward. Once we arrived in Moscow, a friendly face holding a sign with our names on it greeted us and then the process rolled smoothly. Advice I received before I went and truly believe (and now pass it along to others) is to go-with-the-flow. When in Russia, let the people who know what they are doing, do it. Recognize you are not in the western world and appreciate the difference and all will work out.

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We then visited with our son daily for six days until the court date.



*Orphanage in Kudymkar*

We brought him home to a welcoming family and then spent time alone with him as much as possible to allow the bonding to take place and get to know one another. Medical concerns were addressed and discounted immediately and Daniel has developed and continues to at a great rate. There are so many other details I am not including but they are not as important as coming to terms with the trust you need to make your decision. We are so grateful to all those here and particularly in Russia that helped us through the mystery of adoption.



Daniel turned two January 2<sup>nd</sup> this year and is quite the happy child.

## *NEWS from RUSSIA*

We can see some positive movement in the Russian international adoption field this month.

A new order of the Russian Government regarding agency accreditation has been taken into effect on March 10, 2005.

Briefly, the state Government of the Russian Federation decrees:

1. To establish, that the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation is the Federal Operator of the state Databank about children who have been left without parental care, and
2. To assign to the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation powers to approve foreign Adoption Agencies to open their representative's office on the territory of the Russian Federation (to accredit) and to control their activity.

Additionally, there were several articles published in the Russian mass media supporting international adoption. The last of them was published on March 22, 2005 in The Moscow Times. For those who still have not seen this article, it can be found on the following link:

<http://www.themoscowtimes.com/stories/2005/03/22/003.html>

We can see the positive movement developing, with our first proposal coming in this month from Moscow Region, since the passing of the new Federal Data Bank related law, and we are happy to share this good news with all who have been patiently waiting for their referrals.



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**March 31, 2005, Toronto -- "Promoting Resilience in Young Children".** Information session about a program for parents to promote resilience in young children. By Child and Family Partnership. FACE support group (Families Adopting Children from Eastern Europe). For location: Lisa Nerman, [face.adopt@sympatico.ca](mailto:face.adopt@sympatico.ca), or Louise La Rocca 416-484-4588

**Apr. 9, 2005, Toronto -- Orphan's Hope 4th annual Spring Fling** fundraiser. Paradise Banquet and Convention Centre. Dinner, silent auction and dance. Orphan's Hope holds events several times a year to raise money for grants to parents adopting from abroad. Tickets \$125. All welcome. Orphan's Hope, [orphanshope@rogers.com](mailto:orphanshope@rogers.com)

**Apr. 9, 2005, Toronto -- One-day International Adoption Seminar.** Prepare for adoption; medical issues; attachment; talking about adoption with your child; mixed race adoptions. Videos, presentations, hand-outs, breakfast, lunch. \$195/single; \$315/couple; +tax. Sofie Stergianis, International Adoption Centre, 416-483-0003, [sofie@ica.net](mailto:sofie@ica.net)

**April 9, 2005 London, Ont -- The Adoption Option** – Educational seminar for families exploring adoption and interested in learning and preparing for the joys, adjustments and challenges of international adoption. Topics include attachment and bonding and becoming an interracial family. Register by e-mail or phone (519) 675-0362, [danny.bell@sympatico.ca](mailto:danny.bell@sympatico.ca)

**Apr. 16-17, 2005, Toronto -- Ontario Adoption Resource Exchange (A.R.E.) Parents' Weekend.** Held twice a year. For adoptive and pre-adoptive

parents, professionals and others interested in adoption. Adoption Council of Ontario conference on Saturday; waiting children presentations on Sunday. Both events at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building, 255 Front St., 416-585-8120, [www.mtccc.com](http://www.mtccc.com). Pat Fenton, Adoption Council of Ontario, 416-482-0021, [aco@adoption.ca](mailto:aco@adoption.ca)

**June 4, 2005, Toronto -- One-day International Adoption Seminar.** Prepare for adoption; medical issues; attachment; talking about adoption with your child; mixed race adoptions. Videos, presentations, hand-outs, breakfast, lunch. \$195/single; \$315/couple; +tax. Sofie Stergianis, International Adoption Centre, 416-483-0003, [sofie@ica.net](mailto:sofie@ica.net)

## **March Birthdays!!!**

Yael A. on your 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Ionna Eugenia H. on your 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday on March 4<sup>th</sup>  
Anastasija F. on your birthday on March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Cole R. on your 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on March 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tanya M. on your 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 9<sup>th</sup>  
Montana K. on your 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 11<sup>th</sup>  
Spenser W. on your 6<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 12<sup>th</sup>  
Alexandria M. on your 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Anna W. on your 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 18<sup>th</sup>  
Manon N. on your 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday on March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Alexander V. on your 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 21<sup>st</sup>  
Artem H. on your 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Minisa K. on your 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday on March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Casey M. on your 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 30<sup>th</sup>  
Jared E. on your 8<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 30<sup>th</sup>  
Jonathan B. on your 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 31<sup>st</sup>



*Sorry if we missed yours! ☺*

*(Please let us know if we did and we'll include it at the head of the list next month.)*

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