



First customers at the MTU booth.



Sasha Zayets, young man with cerebral palsy, supports the MTU team.



Vera Sheludchenko, Zhitomir Mayor, admires the artwork of children with disabilities.

## Much Better Than Last Year

On June 1st, Mission to Ukraine presented the artwork of children and youth with disabilities and their mothers as well as volunteers at the city trade exhibition dedicated to the International Children's Day. As with last year, the trade exhibition, held under the patronage of the Zhitomir Mayor, became a high profile opportunity for the ministry to speak for children with disabilities and their families. Handmade quilts, dolls, beaded goods, jewelry, postcards, and paintings testified to the gifts and talents of those who have been so far rejected by the society. Many of our children and their

parents came to support the MTU team and participated in welcoming the customers and selling the goods. As a beautiful answer to prayers, the Mission to Ukraine team earned almost \$1000 USD, nearly twice as much as last year.

Zhitomir Mayor, Vera Sheludchenko, visited the Mission's booth, greeted the youth with special needs, and thanked the Mission team for the valuable work they were doing. She also gave small gifts to all MTU young people with disabilities present at the exhibition and promised to visit them at the MTU center.

Local Mass Media also showed great interest in the center's work and produced on a program about its services.

What a joy it is to see the dream of integrating people with special needs into society coming true!

### *Current Needs:*

~ sound equipment for summer camps

~ prayers for energy and strength for the camp organizers