

# Mission to Ukraine



*We exist to serve the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of women and children, orphans, and children with special needs and their families in Ukraine with the love of Christ.*

Katya greeted by the camp volunteers at the closing ceremony of the MTU Special Olympics



And now they are getting ready for 2011 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens.

## God's Touch

An Olympic Champion, Katya lives with her parents on a small government pension. Katya's father Sergey has opened a Special Olympics club for children and youth with mental disabilities in Zhitomir to work with families and provide sport opportunities for them. Selflessly he gives what he has to offer to others even though he does not always receive a thank you in return. Thus the Christian camp experience opened a new world for him and Katya. Acceptance, care, love, and rest provided at camp free of charge touched his heart in a special way. And most importantly he tasted peace for his soul, realized His need for True Peace and opened up to God's revelations.

## Olympic Champion at MTU Special Olympics

### Olympic Champion at MTU Camp

Katya welcomed a medal she received at MTU Special Olympics summer camp games with the same joy she received her medals at Special Olympics World Games. It was the first time she and her father participated in the Christian camp.

In the twelve years of her sports career Katya won medals at World Games as well as European Championships and became a source of inspiration and encouragement to many families of children with special needs.

Her father Sergey, who is also Katya's coach (being a professional trainer in athletics), once believed in his daughter and began to work on her training for Special Olympic Games. When he received the first call from the Special Olympics Committee with an invitation to

attend a seminar for parents, Katya still had a walking problem and experienced difficulty going down the stairs, let alone running. Patience and faith of her father and practice every day took Katya from making 3 steps to marathon distances.

### Amazing Success

Since 2001 Katya won prize places in both athletics and cross country skiing:

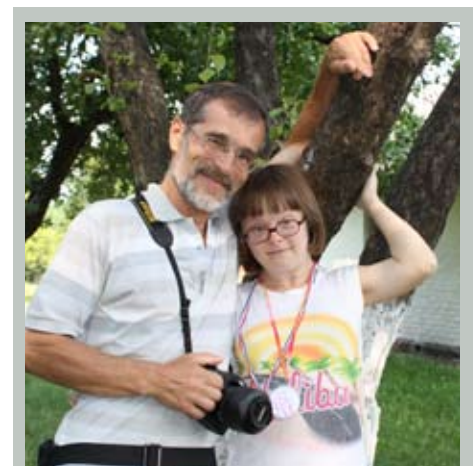
2001 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Alaska, USA - bronze medal in cross country skiing

2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Ireland - silver medal in athletics 1500m

2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games Japan - silver medal in cross country skiing

2009 Winter Special Olympics Idaho, USA - first gold medal cross country skiing

Pray for the family to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



Katya with her father and coach Sergey