

Ні Робін, ви не можете носити цю футболку або тих, взуття, ви повинні надягти пальто. Він буде отримувати холодну пізніше в той же день.

Every morning for three months our wonderful host mother Vera inspected our clothing before we left in the morning for training. Never once in three months was she wrong. If she said it would be windy and cold at 2:00 pm it was, if she said it would rain at 4:00 pm it did. Even when the sun was shining and it was hot in the morning. I remember the first day that I put on hiking shorts – “NO – Robin, women of your age do not wear those shorts in public.” (We are senior volunteers) You see Vera loved us and took her responsibility of keeping us safe very seriously. On Saturday and Sunday she fixed us a healthy lunch and then made us take a nap. She said life was stressful in training and she wanted us to eat and relax on the weekend. If we were studying too much in the evening, I would hear “Robin, Concert!” That meant I better get in the living room and watch the latest Ukrainian rock singer with her. Vera got us ready for our integration into our new home. She taught us cooking, what to wear, and how to laugh even when you cannot understand each other’s language.

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