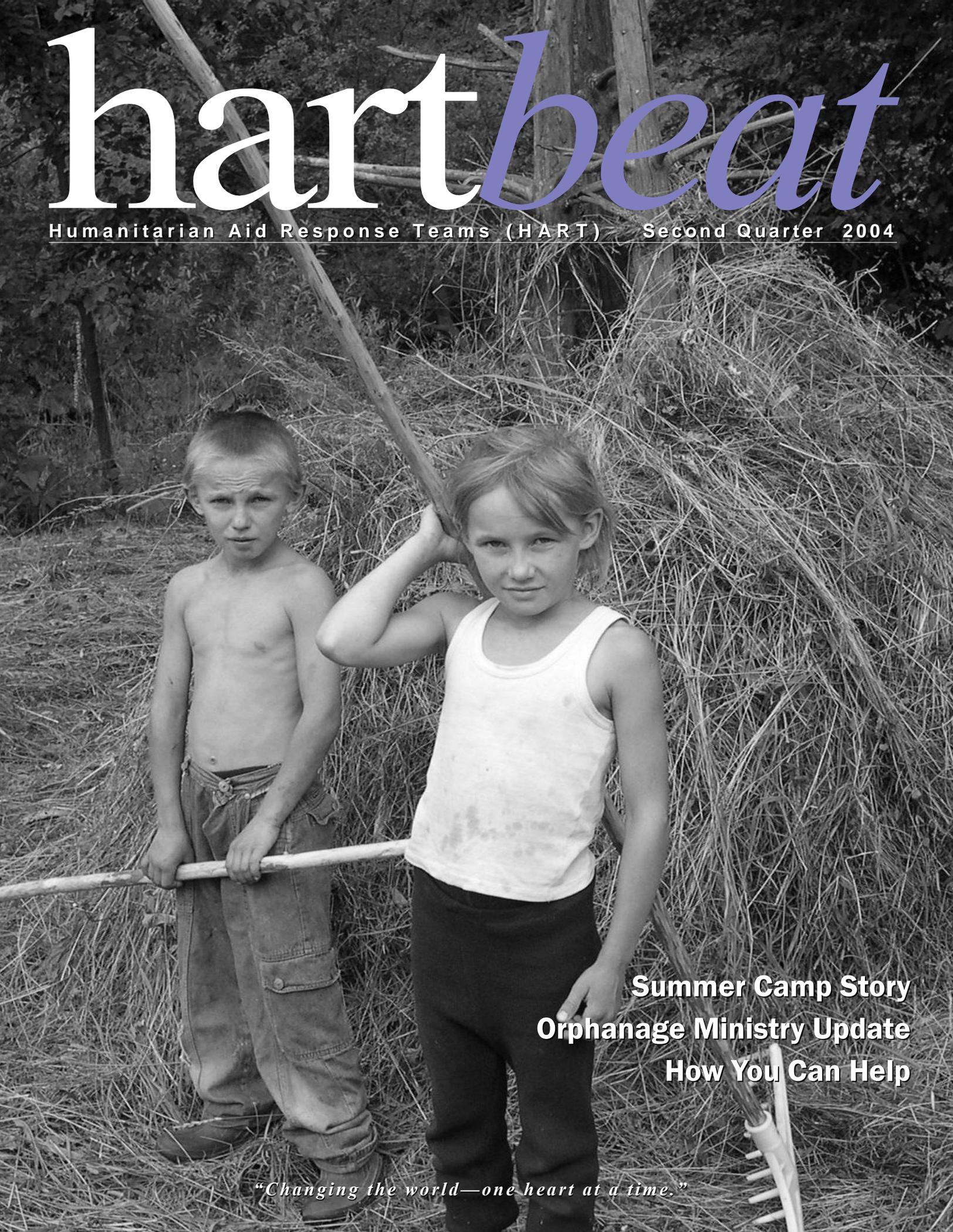


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Humanitarian Aid Response Teams (HART) Second Quarter 2004



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"Changing the world—one heart at a time."



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Precious sacrifice

Why did they wake us up so early today?" Sergie inquired. Volodya shrugged his shoulders, finished tying up his shoelaces and said, "Remember the instructions, Sergie." At that, Sergie and Volodya joined the other 45 kids at this camp for an unexpected early morning hike through the forest.

They, along with the other children from their boarding school (for impoverished children) were more than a little puzzled by the instructions given with their wake-up call. "Take the most precious possession you have at this camp with you on the hike!"

Watches, jewelry, cassette tape recordings, dolls, and clothes, etc. were all stuffed

into pockets or back-packs on the way out of their tents.

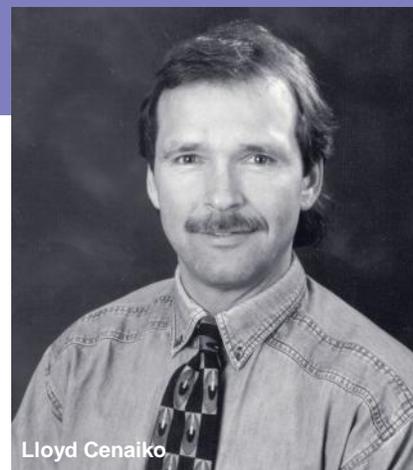
After an hour long march up and down hills and through a thick forest, the children were finally led to a clearing where the camp director was waiting for them.

He was standing next to a fire pit, filled with paper, twigs, branches and logs prepared and ready for burning.

If the morning so far had seemed a little out of the ordinary for the children, the directive they heard next was equally surprising.

"Bring that precious possession you brought with you," the camp director declared, "and place it on this alter (the fire pit). Once this has been done, we will light the fire."

Ivan Yaneshko (leader of



Lloyd Cenaiko

one of HART's partner ministries and the director of this camp) described it this way...

"The other counselors and myself were surprised by what transpired next. One young boy, after several minutes of contemplation, tentatively stepped forward with his "possession"; placed it on the alter and stepped back.

This led to another child coming forward and then another, and so on. Within a few minutes ALL the kids had placed their possessions on the makeshift alter."

WHAT WE DO:

- HART serves the poor in Eastern Europe:**

HART provides critically needed aid such as food, clothing and medical care to orphanages, street children, invalids, hospitals, the elderly, those in prisons and the desperately poor

- HART serves and equips National Christian leaders and ministries:**

HART facilitates the education, training, equipping of and financial support for indigenous Christian leaders and ministries

HART provides support and resources for dynamic church planting, discipleship, children, youth, camping, prison and women's ministries

- HART serves the church in North America:**

By challenging and providing opportunities for people in the West of all ages to participate in world relief and missions projects

WHERE WE SERVE:

- Ukraine, Russia, Moldova, Romania

OUR STRATEGY:

- Research:**

Our goal is to seek out the most fruitful National ministries we can find; involved in Relief Aid work and Evangelism in Eastern Europe

- Relationships (Partnerships):**

HART then pours its resources into these ministries where God is already at work, and bless what He is blessing

- Recommendations (Building 'Bridges'):**

Our objective is then to "link" these ministries with Churches, Bible Study groups, and individuals in the West, and have them supported prayerfully and financially

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SUMMER CAMP STORY

"Now remember," Ivan continued, "these children come from desperately poor homes, typically without a mother or father; and if they do have one, the chances are that parent is an alcoholic.

These children have very few material things in this life. This is why the exercise was so amazing for us as leaders.

We witnessed these poor kids ready to sacrifice what was most dear to them."

So, with the "alter" full of possessions, Ivan approached it; bent down, lit a match and was just about to light the fire - but

The children were told... "Bring that precious possession you brought with you and place it on the alter."

instead - blew out the match and told the children to retrieve their items.

The counselors then brought out the food, lit the fire and the kids enjoyed hot dogs instead of watching their prized possessions go up in smoke!

Ivan shared with us the two-fold

purpose of this exercise. The long arduous walk through the forest was meant to teach kids the Christian walk is not easy. It requires us to learn to trust

God to lead even though it may not be entirely clear where we are heading.

The other purpose was to teach the children about the word 'sacrifice' as it pertains to the Christian life. This exercise was designed to bring home the reality of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son Isaac in obedience to God.

Just as these children "experienced" a creative Bible illustration, thousands of children all over Ukraine will be attending camps this summer and will be taught Bible stories and lessons in equally creative and memorable ways.

Depending upon financial support from sponsors or lack thereof, the camps will vary significantly in terms of conditions for the campers.

Some of the camps will be in picturesque settings in forests, along lake



fronts, at the Black Sea, or in the Carpathian mountains, while others will be a simple open area in a farmer's field.

Some will have campers lodged in dormitories while others will be in tents. Some will have indoor plumbing, while the majority will not.

However, different these camps will be structurally, their purpose will be the same. To share God's love with children and make the reality of saving faith through Jesus known to all who attend. For most this message will be heard for the first time.

My hope is that we, like the children in this story, would prayerfully contemplate what 'precious' things we could sacrifice so that others would hear the Gospel message.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Cenaiko, President



Thanks!

Because of YOUR support, HART is planning to sponsor over 20 different camps in various regions of Ukraine this summer.

Children from Eastern Ukraine, the Carpathian Mountains in the West and the Black Sea in the south will be attending summer camps thanks to you.

Who will be attending these camps?

- Orphans
- Boys in prison
- Children from desperately poor homes
- Youth and young adults
- Families

ORPHANAGE MINISTRY "THANK YOU"

In our first quarter 2004 "heartbeat", we featured an Orphanage Ministry made up of students at a Christian college in Lviv, Ukraine. We recently received a letter of thanks to all of YOU who've made it possible for HART to support this ministry.

"Your ministry is making a difference in the life of the children here."

James 1: 27 Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless...

Dear friends,

By the Lord's grace the L'viv Theological Seminary "Dewdrop Ministry" continues its work at the Dobromyl orphanage (west Ukraine). As the ministry turns two years this February, the fruit of its work is very obvious.

Last summer we were able to take 12 orphans to a Christian Youth Camp where they had, in their words "the best time of their lives." "We will never forget this summer", they said collectively. At the end of the camp 10 of them gave their hearts to the Lord. The kids are already queuing for the camp this summer. Thanks to all of you who helped us with this project.

The team of the College students go to this Orphanage every second Saturday. Typically they start the day cleaning the bedrooms, bathing the children, and than having the church service with them. This year we were able to teach them about Repentance, Prayer, Thanksgiving, Worship, Friendship, Forgiveness and many others.

We had an altar call most of the kids invited Jesus into their hearts. The celebrations we have at Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving Graduation are designed to make the kids feel really special. We try to create the atmosphere of joy and celebration of life. One time we had a Hawaiian party with them, eating a lot of exotic fruit and praising the Lord together.

One of the orphanage's graduates, Mykola Kyslychenko, this year has entered a Christian seminary in Lviv and at the moment is the first year student.

Because of YOUR help kids are enjoying the wonderful, comfortable new bunk beds with wonderful mattresses; and the bedrooms are really warm this year due to the newly installed windows. The footwear shelves and wall clocks for each bedroom are making the place homey. Mirrors in every bedroom gives kids an opportunity to look after themselves.

There are so many other things you have blessed the children with. The wonderful Play-system brings kids so much fun and they are enjoying it greatly. Thank to those who helped with vitamins, footwear, cloth, food, and toys.

Your ministry is making a difference in the life of the children here. We really appreciate your help and prayers. But still there are so many needs. Please pray for the following needs and listen what the Lord will be saying to you.

So here are some needs to pray for:

1. Tuition for Mykola Kyslychenko, which is \$360 US per year.
2. Renovation of the bedrooms. The walls are in bad shape. The floors need carpeting as it is very cold and kids have to walk in boots at winter time.
3. Playroom. It needs carpeting. Also toys are required and shelves to organize things.
4. Curtains.
5. Bedding (sheets, pillowcases, pillows, quilts).
6. Toilets and showers are in terrible shape and need renovations.

Thank you again friends and may the Lord bless you all.

Yours in the Lord's service, Valentina Nevmerzhtska, Dewdrop Ministry coordinator



2 Bible college students washing windows in an orphanage

HART Needs:

Summer Camp Equipment:

Due to the number of camps that HART supports each summer, we find ourselves in great need of camp equipment and sports equipment. Most of what we need can be purchased in Ukraine.

Prayer Requests:

Please pray that God's word will be well received in all the Eastern European camps this summer and that hundreds of hearts and lives would be changed forever.

