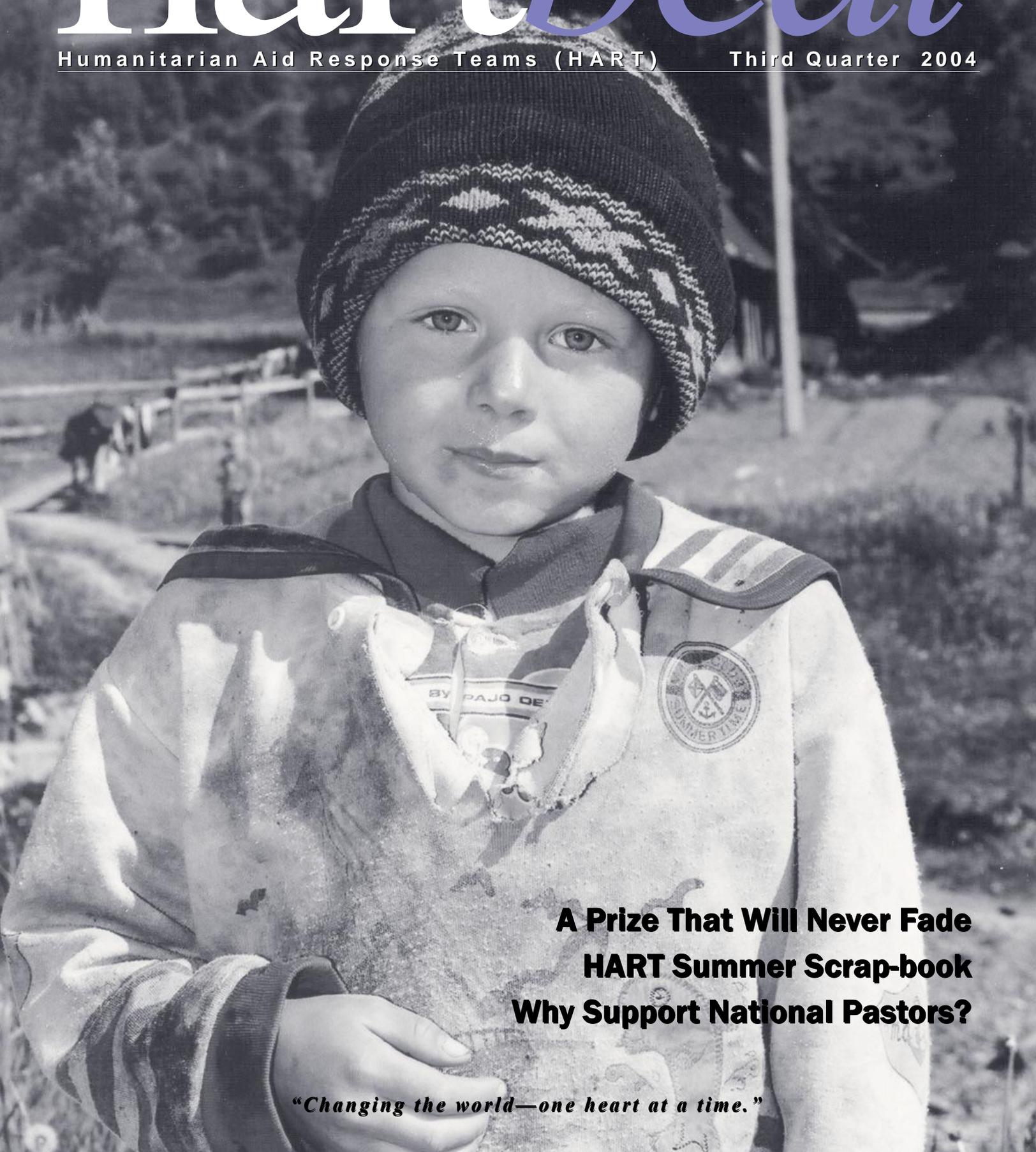


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Humanitarian Aid Response Teams (HART)

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A Prize That Will Never Fade
HART Summer Scrap-book
Why Support National Pastors?

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

A prize that will never fade

Citius. Altius. Fortius. These Latin words meaning “faster, higher, stronger” are the motto of the modern Olympic Games. This year the Summer Olympics returned to the land of their origin as Athens welcomed teams from over 200 countries to the greatest sporting spectacle in the world.

Thousands of athletes pushed themselves to the limit of human endurance as they strove to go faster, higher and stronger than their competitors.

Let's admit it...we've all cheered wildly as our country's athletes have given their best and even shed a tear or two with pride when they mounted the podium to receive their medals.

Winning an Olympic medal has come to be regarded as the ultimate achievement in sport. Otherwise why would professional athletes (many of them multi-millionaires) covet such a prize despite winning championships in their respective sports?

Yet as marvelous as the Olympics can be, the sad truth is that once the flame has been extinguished and the celebration comes to an end, the prestige and glory begin to fade away.

For example. Many of us can remember the 1976 Summer Olympics, where Romania's gymnast Nadia

“Comaneci became the darling of the Games. But can you recall any other gold medalist?

And remember how the highlight of the 1980 Winter Olympics was the “Miracle on Ice” when the underdog USA upset the Soviet Union to win the gold medal in hockey. But do you remember anything else about the Lake Placid Olympic games?

You see, prestige and glory – even Olympic prestige and glory – doesn't last. Perhaps that is why God encourages us to aim



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for a loftier goal in life than earthly accolades.

The Apostle Paul ministered in Greece during the time of the original Olympics. He wrote to the Church in Corinth: “Everyone who competes in the games, does so to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever” (1 Cor 9:25). In



Lloyd Cenaiko with two “treasures”; recent additions to HART's Child Sponsor Project

other words, our energies should be focused on winning a prize that will never fade.

Jesus said: “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven... (Matt 6:19-20)

Despite the great things we can achieve or accumulate here on earth, they will not last. Only the things of God have eternal value.

People of faith set their sights on a prize greater than an Olympic medal. They are aiming for eternal life, joy and peace, all of which may begin here on earth, but will only be fully experienced on Heaven's podium.

My hope is that the 2004 Olympics were able to inspire “athletes of faith” to determinedly press on “to win the prize for which God has called us (Philippians 3:14), the prize that will never fade.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Cenaiko



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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HART initiated the Women's summer camp movement in Ukraine and it is now spreading to all states of Ukraine.



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A new family in HART's Child Sponsor Project who received gifts & clothing along with food. Currently, we have close to 300 children in this project.



HART sent hundreds of children to summer camp this year, including kids in the Child Sponsor project, orphans, and street kids.



Why does HART Support National Pastors/Ministries?

“More than half of those who go to the mission field fail to serve more than two years!

The enormous waste and poor stewardship are obvious when one considers the financial resources that are required to place a Christian worker in another country and the fact that unfamiliarity with language and culture usually severely limit what can be accomplished in the first couple of years on the field.”

Tony Campolo, Carpe Diem.

The implications of this statement are clear. North Americans are squandering large sums of funds on failed Missions strategies.

Since our inception almost 10 years ago HART has been on the leading edge of a movement focused on supporting home-grown ministries.

Our strategy is to support indigenous ministries and competent National leaders who are ready and willing to

serve. We DO NOT send full-time North American missionaries to Eastern Europe.

Why? Here are a couple of sound reasons in support of this strategy:

- ❶ **Economics:** National pastors and missionaries require a fraction of the support Western missionaries receive. We can support 30-40 National Pastors or Ministries for the same price as one North American missionary!
- ❷ **Practical:** National workers know the language, culture, traditions,

character and mentality of their own people.

- ❸ **Necessity:** Many Eastern European countries are now closing the doors to Western missionaries, therefore it is imperative that indigenous leaders are trained to carry on the work.
- ❹ **Effective:** National church planting ministries are the most fruitful. The passion they have for Christ and for the lost; their walk with God in holiness, their prayer lives and their daily Christian witness are rarely seen in North America.

If we in the West are concerned about stewardship and world evangelism (and we should be!) it's clear the best option would be to direct our resources and financial support to this new movement of training and supporting National pastors, missionaries and ministries.

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fact:
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partnered with over
150 National Pastors
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