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Humanitarian Aid Response Teams (HART)

Second Quarter 2006



**HART's 10th Anniversary!
Child Sponsor Project
General Info on HART
Adopting a Blind Girl
Love in Action**

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



HUMANITARIAN AID RESPONSE TEAMS

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, Romania, Moldova

OUR STRATEGY

• Research:

Our goal is to identify fruitful National ministries involved in Relief Aid work and Missions projects 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 COMMENTARY

Dear Friends,
Recently I attended the 10th anniversary of a church that was one of HART's first partners in Ukraine.

At that time it was a fledgling church plant of perhaps 15-20 people; with plenty of dreams but woefully short on resources.

HART has had the privilege of standing by this church all these years; watching this body of believers grow; both in numbers and spiritual depth; and in its commitment to impacting their community by caring for those less fortunate.

Celebrating this anniversary was both an honor and a proud moment for us, somewhat like a parent at a child's graduation.

Interestingly, we also have cause for celebration. It's HART's 10th anniversary as well!

We began this ministry to Eastern Europe in 1996 with this as our compass:

"Our vision is to become a catalyst for change, both in North America and Eastern Europe. We want to challenge and provide opportunities for Christians in the West to become passionately committed to an active,

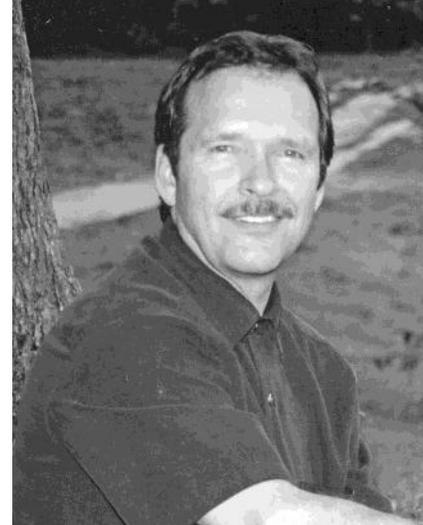
practical and sacrificial involvement in world relief and missions. Our desire is for the people of Eastern Europe and the Church there, to be the beneficiaries of this demonstration of Christian love in action."

I don't believe any of us knew how quickly HART would grow or how far-reaching our impact would be in this part of the world.

HART is celebrating its 10th Anniversary!

But God has blessed us abundantly for staying on course and on vision, never wavering from our core principles of supporting Nationals and demonstrating "love in action".

Through this single-minded focus, we've created a network of exceptionally talented and dedicated people from different parts of Eastern Europe; feeding the hungry, clothing those without, caring for the sick, visiting those in



prison and extending His Kingdom.

Because of this unique partnership strategy, HART's ministry impacts thousands of lives each year - and it is all because YOU CARE enough to support this work.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have stood by this ministry, for all or part of the past 10 years. YOU have been an encouragement to all of us.

THANK YOU for choosing to serve together with HART in Eastern Europe.

May God richly bless you.
Sincerely,

Lloyd Cenaiko, President

← Cover Picture

One of the activities planned with a team from Canada was to bring groceries to homes of children in our Child Sponsor Project, living in the city of Lviv, Ukraine.

As we entered one of these homes (a dilapidated old house) we observed a young mother visiting with several male friends. They all quickly departed, including the mother.

We listened sadly as the grandmother shared with us her struggles dealing with her daughter's addiction problems and degenerate friends; not to mention trying to provide for her daughter's two children.

Just prior to us leaving, a member of our team from Alberta, Jacque Irwin, offered one of the children (Diana) some juice that we had brought for this family. To her surprise the little girl finished the entire cup and asked for more.

Our hearts broke as we watched this precious little girl with such sad eyes, voraciously gulp down a second cup of juice.

Diana's story

Several hours later as I was reflecting on this poignant scene; it occurred to me - that one could either become overwhelmed by yet another innocent child's tragic circumstances or choose to be encouraged by the fact that a) God loves this little girl, and b) He has given us the privilege

and responsibility of caring for her; impacting her life through the Child Sponsor project, through our prayers, and through our practical "love in action."

If you are interested in becoming Diana's (or her sister's) sponsor please contact HART's office. LC

Diana and her new friend from Canada

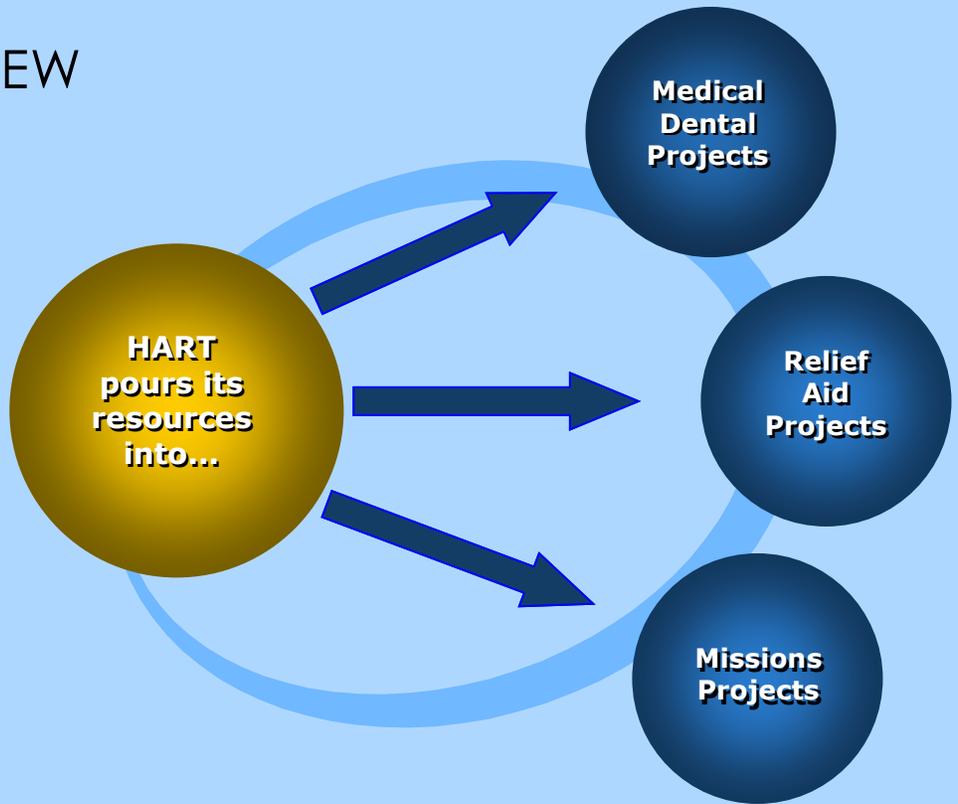


HART does not send missionaries from North America. Our strategy has always been to identify and support National...

- Pastors
- Missionaries
- Ministries

All of HART's projects are lead and managed by Nationals.

HART provides financial support for its ministry-partners involved in projects such as these listed below...



Medical-Dental Projects

- Medical clinics for the poor
- Medical supplies for hospitals, prisons, orphanages
- Aid for young mothers and their newborns
- Medical-Dental Relief Teams from North America
- Medical supplies for National missionaries
- Dental care for orphans, boys prisons, street kids and children from impoverished families

Relief Aid Projects

- Child Sponsor Project
- Orphan Relief Aid projects
- Children's hospitals
- Relief Aid for seniors
- Soup Kitchens for children and adults
- Humanitarian Aid centers
- Aid for those in prison
- Drug & alcohol rehabilitation centers
- Playground apparatus for orphanages, children's hospitals and camps

Missions Projects

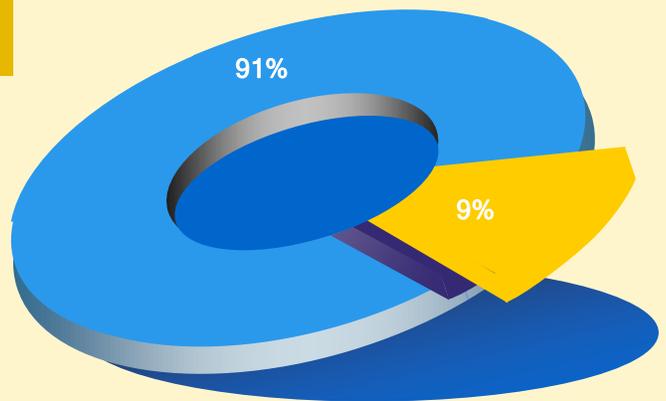
- Training and education for National leaders
- Financial support for National pastors & ministries
- Discipleship ministries
- Translation of Christian material
- Children and youth ministries
- Summer Camp ministries
- Sports ministries
- Prison ministries for boys/adults
- Women's ministries
- Church construction projects
- Music ministries
- Correspondence course ministries

HART currently has almost 200 partnerships in Eastern Europe

Financial Overview

Where donations go...

Over the past several years our combined USA and Canadian operations have been consistently averaging the percentages outlined in this graph. We take seriously the principle of being good stewards of the finances you have entrusted with us.



■ Foreign & Domestic Ministry ■ Administration & Fundraising

Caring for children

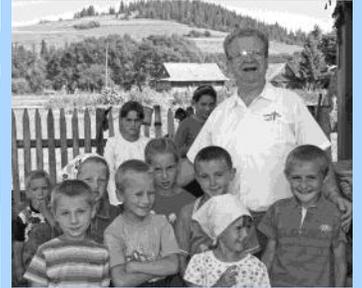


HART Ministry partners regularly visit institutions for mentally challenged children; extending love to kids whom the rest of the world has forgotten (including their own parents). It is a delight and honor to provide them with Birthday celebrations and gifts. Special treatment for special children!

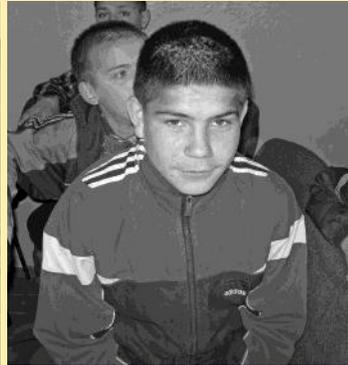
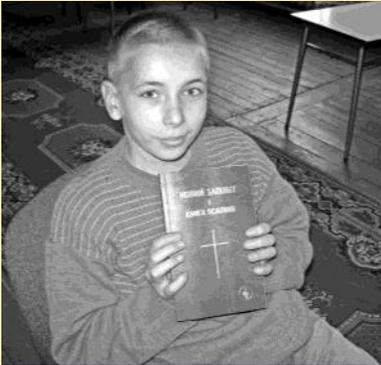
Caring for the sick



HART provides medical aid for poverty-stricken families living in the Carpathian mountains. Chronic illnesses related to poor diet & hygiene affect children in each household. Massive unemployment and alcoholism are creating all kinds of social problems for families. And because pensions are inadequate the elderly cannot afford the medical treatment they need.

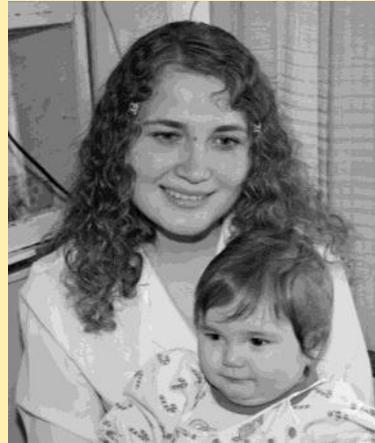


Caring for children in prison



Through our ministry partners, we've been able to provide boys in prison (ages 11-14) with new beds, clothing, sports equipment, renovations to their dorms and sharing the message of God's love for them.

Caring for orphans



Our Orphan-Care Project provides abandoned babies with daily love they would otherwise not experience. Local Christian women (like the young lady pictured here) participate in this project, whose sole responsibility is to extend love to these little discarded babies.

Healing broken relationships



HART provides support for Christian Drug and Alcohol Treatment Centers for both men and women. One of the great joys is to see families, once torn apart by alcoholism, now reunited together.

Summer Camp experiences



Each year HART sends hundreds of kids from poor families, orphans, street kids, mentally/physically challenged children to summer camps; all staffed by dedicated volunteers who love children and want to impact their lives for time and eternity.

HART's "Orphan-Care" project provides one consistent loving caregiver to an abandoned baby living in an orphanage. We do this by employing local Christian women who daily provide love, stimulation, attention and meaningful interaction that these children need so desperately. The following is a story about one of these women; how she was impacted by this project and ultimately adopted a little girl she'd been looking after.

Adopting a blind orphan

by Bohdanna Nevolko

Since my childhood I have been dreaming to work in an orphanage. My grandfather perished at war when my Mom was two years old. She often remembered her difficult, insecure life of orphan with tears in her eyes. These stories impacted me.

In our large family I was the oldest child. Since early years I was used to looking after younger brothers and sisters. Probably, God was preparing me to adult life at that time. Now I have four daughters who love each other and in the same manner the older ones look after the younger.

When I finally came to work in an orphanage I was very impacted by the little kids with serious eyes. Some of them almost never smile, they just cry.

They are deprived of parental care, mother's kindness and it influences their development in negative way. They badly need affection and attention.

I felt compassion to the calamity of each child, I couldn't sleep and eat well, I was crying all the time. I was in such a state for two weeks. I helped these kids with whatever I could.

My husband Ihor, was brought up in an orphanage so he knows what it's like from his own experience.

One day I was transferred to work with a group of invalids. These were kids with Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and other physical defects. When I first came there I thought I arrived in hell. Each child presented a big problem and nobody could help or solve it. I was learning to understand these kids, I talked to them, took them by the hands, fed, washed them, walked with them.

The children got used to me in a short time and changed a little, they became calmer, happier, more active and talkative.

In August I saw Ulyana for the first time – a little, blind, helpless child. I was shocked with her misfortune, something moved inside me. I felt great pity for her. I started looking for some ways to help her. A doctor said that she had cataract and surgery would return eyesight to her.

Ulyana couldn't hold toys, she couldn't sit and didn't express any emotions. She would just lie down in a bed for a long time.

A thought occurred to me that the child who weighed 1 kg. 100 gr. when she was born, survived not for the purpose of lying down all the time. It seemed to me that it was my own child lying down there.

I saw Ulyana in my dreams, she was in my heart and head. I realized that in order to change the life of this girl she should be taken into a family.

When my daughters first saw Ulyana they asked me to take her home. God was knocking at our hearts.

I was praying with my husband, discussing

the issue, thinking it over. Finally, we arrived at the decision to adopt her.

The doctor said that the child would never see. In such a state she needed us still more. I believe God loves her and has special plan for her life.

In this case why shouldn't we allow God to channel His love through us.

I went to the city authorities and within a week I collected all the necessary documents. We had to overcome a lot of barriers. On December, 1, we became foster parents and on the 12th of December we took her home.

It all became possible because God loves everybody and especially orphans. We are thankful to God that He gave one more child into our family.

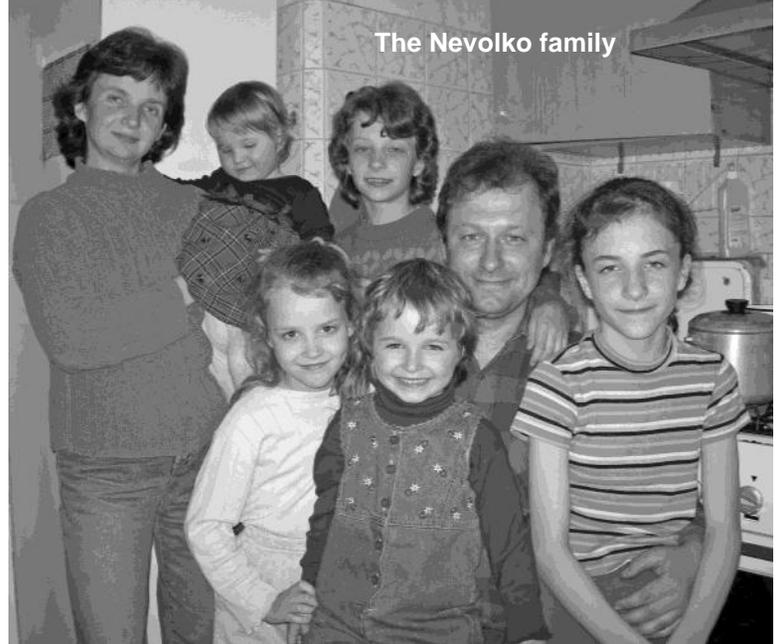
We all love Ulyana, we are happy when she smiles and has some success. She is changing from day to day. She can already play with toys, starts walking and talking.

She has become happy, reacts to all sounds, expresses her emotions. She likes to communicate, likes to be caressed, kissed, carried in hands. She goes to bed and gets up with smile.

We pray for Ulyana, and thank God for her. Each day is meaningful to us, filled with God's grace and blessing. And we believe the Lord will be able to do one more miracle – open her eyes.

NOTE: With HART's support the Nevolkos were able to take Ulyana to Poland to have her eyes checked by specialists there. Their assessment was that if eye surgery was successful, perhaps Ulyana would have 20% vision! The Nevolkos are a hard-working but poor family. They will need your prayers and support if Ulyana is to have this surgery.

The Nevolko family



Bohdanna, Ihor and Ulyana

The Child Sponsor project is helping poor families in many different ways...



Food, clothing and medicine



Teaching young mothers to sew



Providing washing machines

Sponsors NEEDED!

The pictures below, are examples of the many children who need someone like you to love them. They need a SPONSOR. Being one is a practical way to touch a child with God's love. Your monthly support will be used to meet your child's need for clothing, medical care and food. It will also provide for summer camps, school supplies, Birthday and Christmas presents. (Below are the case-worker's comments on these children)

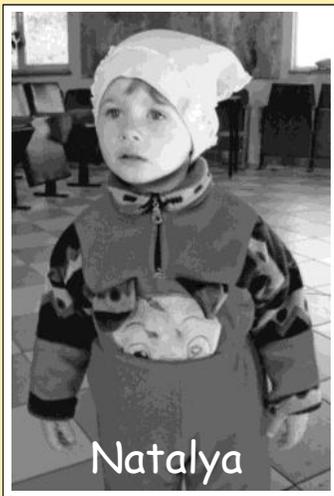


**Attention:
Current
Sponsors!**



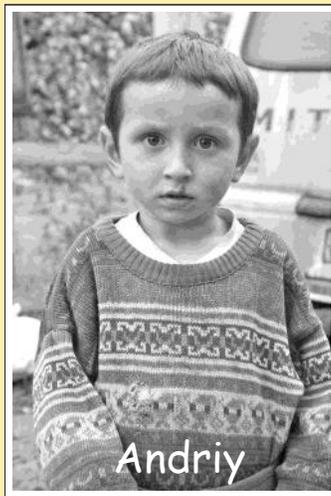
If you are already a Sponsor - your child would love to hear from you. A great idea would be to include a picture of you and your family.

Send all correspondence to our HART office and we will forward them on to your child.



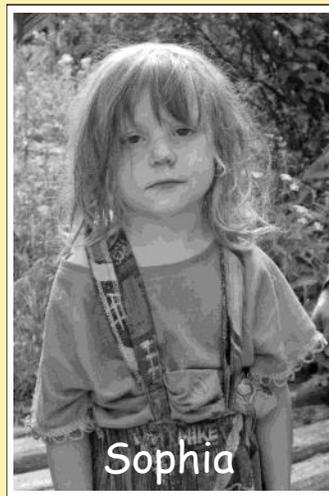
Natalya

Natalya is 3.5 years old and lives in the city of Lviv. She lives with her family in a terrible apartment. Natalya's father drinks and her mother suffers from depression. The mother doesn't have a legal passport, which means the children don't have birth certificates. Without these the children cannot go to day care or receive medical treatment. The family starves. Natalya has signs of autism, but she hasn't had a proper diagnosis because she can't go to a doctor.



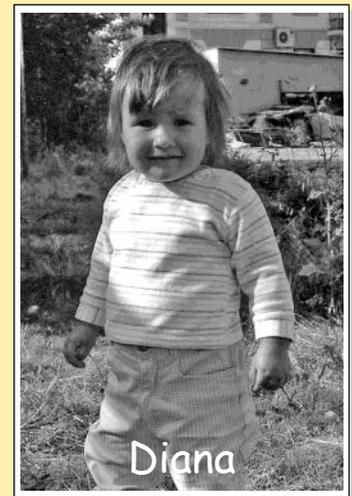
Andriy

Andriy is 7 years old and lives in the Carpathian Mountain region of Ukraine. He comes from a good home, but his parents are very poor. He has 2 siblings and one more on the way. Andriy is sick with chronic inflammations. The house he and his family live in is in very poor condition. His father has a menial job which doesn't pay much and is not enough to support a family.



Sophia

Sophia is 6 years old. She lives in West Ukraine, in the Carpathian Mountain region. Her father is an alcoholic and has deserted the family. She is one of 5 children in the family with one more on the way. We don't know who the father of this baby is. The house Sophia and her siblings live in is very bad shape. The mother is not very responsible and doesn't look after the kids well. They are always ill.



Diana

Diana is 2.5 years old. She lives with her mother, grandmother and older sister Sabrina (aged 5). Diana's father is in jail. Her mother drinks and disappears from home frequently. The grandmother is the primary care-giver who looks after these two little girls. The children often go hungry. Diana is a calm, sweet child. She likes going for walks with her older sister.