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Humanitarian Aid Response Teams (HART)

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DEAR FRIENDS, after almost twelve years of ministry in Eastern Europe, still the most heart-wrenching moments I experience are visiting run-down state orphanages for abandoned children.

I thought over time I'd become desensitized to this, but it just hasn't happened. Having my own children (three in the past four years) has only heightened my sensitivity to their situation. I now understand clearly how critical it is for children to have loving parents and a home.

It's hard for me to imagine my son Mark (almost 4 years old) living on the streets, frightened and all alone. Or living in a facility with 60 or 100 other kids, without a mom or dad to snuggle with him at night before he goes to sleep. And yet tens of thousands of children in Ukraine are doing just that.

And inside each of those little orphans or street children is a hunger to belong to someone - to be part of a real family.

This becomes apparent when visiting an orphanage. There's a palpable heightened

Ihor, Bohdana and Angelina



Nevolko's new Foster Home



level of expectation the moment you enter the front doors.

Though I can't speak Ukrainian, through the language of their eagerness to be touched or held; the pleading look in their eyes, I can clearly hear the deepest yearning of their hearts, to be chosen by me - rescued.

My heart still aches as I recall one little orphan girl of about 4, who after picking her up, wrapped her little arms tight around my neck and pleaded with me, repeating over and over: "I want home, I want home!"

Most children have become separated from their fathers and mothers by alcoholism, imprisonment, or simply abandonment; and live, for years, with an aching expectation that their father or mother will remember them and eventually come back for them.

I imagine it must be this hopeful expectation that sustains many children through the painful reality of growing up alone without love.

Well, thankfully the "winds of change" are blowing through the orphanage system of Ukraine. The country is finally making changes with respect to its orphanage dilemma. Their plan is to do away with state-run facilities in favor of a Foster Home system.

It's similar to the course the country of Romania has been on for the past 10 years.

Bottom-line, what will this mean for Ukraine's orphans? Good news. A 'home' setting is a much better environment than an institution; and many orphans may now have an opportunity to be raised by loving parents in a Christian environment.

What does this mean for us in the West? Equally good news. It's going to provide us with numerous opportunities to get involved supporting Christian Foster homes and "rescuing" hundreds of orphans.

Let me give you one example. A year ago we introduced you to the Nevolko family. It's a heart-warming story of Ihor and Bohdana, with 4 girls of their own, deciding to adopt a blind girl named Ulyana (renamed Angelina).

Subsequently, God laid upon their hearts a desire and vision to care for more orphans. But how could a poor family living in a small



Lloyd Cenaiko with son Mark

two room apartment open up a Foster home for orphaned kids?

Nevolko's prayers and expectations of a miracle happened this spring. A Ukrainian businessman, who'd recently begun attending a Baptist church in Lviv, heard about their dream. God obviously touched his heart with their story, because he promptly purchased them a beautiful home, large enough to house ten to twelve children.

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HART was happy to provide the Nevolkos with a van and some volunteers to help them move in. We've already installed a Play-Center for the kids too.

Although the government will provide some support, according to the Nevolkos, their greatest needs are 1) prayer support 2) finances to complete construction on the second floor of the house, which will be the bedrooms for the kids and 3) a passenger van for transportation.

HART is already partnered with three Christian foster homes in Ukraine, and we're currently looking into potential partnerships with several others.

What a great opportunity to help orphans finally satisfy that hunger to "belong to someone—to be part of a real family," by supporting a Christian Foster home. We'd ask you to prayerfully consider getting involved in this exciting new project.

Our sincere, grateful thanks to you for your faithful support of HART's ministry.

Lloyd Cenaiko, President

HART had the privilege of playing a key role in sending over two thousand children and youth to summer camps this year. These included children from underprivileged homes, street kids, orphans, and those with disabilities.



- ▶ **Lena**
I came to this camp for the purpose of studying & learning English, but have found something of much more value—God. Thank you for this wonderful camp!
- ▶ **Tanya**
I accepted Jesus and I want to thank you very much for that!

THANK YOU to all HART supporters and especially those who participated in our two annual Spring Auctions in Calgary & Edmonton, Alberta, to support summer camp programs in Ukraine.



Because of your generosity, our budget for camp ministries this year was over US \$50,000!

Thanks again to all of you who participated prayerfully and financially in this life-changing experience for young people in Ukraine.



- ▶ **Sasha**
I have learnt a lot of new things about God and about developing a personal relationship with Him.
- ▶ **Lilya**
I came to this camp and it's my first time in a Christian camp. Here I understood I'm very far away from God.



Letters from kids

- ▶ **Victoria**
When I think of the camp I get only positive thoughts and emotions. During the camp I got to know God better. My faith became stronger. I learnt more about God and myself.
- ▶ **Lida**
This wonderful camp will stay forever in my heart. I thank God for His direction in my life. This camp gave me sun's energy, fresh impressions as fresh air in mountains. And beautiful as sky, thoughts about God. These days became the most brightest in my life. Thanks to all supporters of this camp.
- ▶ **Ira**
The days I spent in this Christian camp I will never forget.

Christian Women's Camps

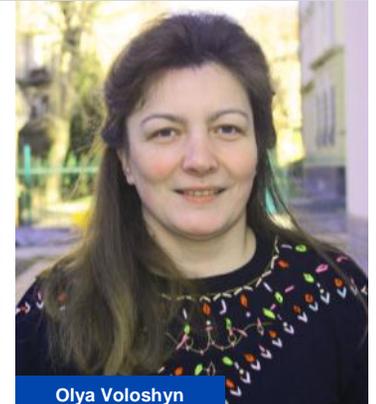


I have no words to tell you what this camp has meant to me. Never in my entire life of 57 years have I experienced such a thing. This will change my life, I am so encouraged. God bless you and reward you all Sponsors and HART for this opportunity. Only eternity will tell what was accomplished here. Thank you!! — Olha

Dear workers of HART. Our dear friends, peace to you and God's blessings. I thank you for this wonderful ministry. For this work that you are doing, is helping us women to develop our talents. — Natalya

What you have sown here will fall on productive soil. May God bless you and your ministry. Thank you. — Lilya

This has been an amazing life changing experience. Thanks to the mission HART and all those who showed their love to the women of Ukraine in such a practical way. — Luda



Olya Voloshyn

Five years ago under the leadership of Olya Voloshyn, HART began the Christian Women's Camp Association of Ukraine. The purpose and goals of these camps has resonated with women virtually all over the country of Ukraine. The growth of this ministry has been dramatic, as well as international. This year there will be 18 Women's camps in Ukraine, with others being held in Russia, Belarus and Moldova. Please remember to keep this important ministry in your prayers.

Sponsor a Ukrainian Pastor/Ministry

Opportunities

The strategy of sending North American missionaries to Eastern Europe has proven itself to be neither cost-effective nor fruitful.

These countries have more than enough competent, hard-working, dedicated Christian leaders eager to be in full-time ministry.

However, because of the economic situation in Eastern Europe, many simply cannot

because they lack the financial support for themselves and their families.

Here is where **YOU** can get involved - through HART's "Sponsor a National Pastor/Ministry" project.

You, your family, your Bible study group or church can be a sponsor. The financial com-

mitment should be for a minimum of 1 year and can be anywhere from \$50-100/mo.

You will receive letters, pictures and updates from the Pastor/Ministry you've partnered with.

And..100% of your support will go directly to your ministry partner!

Pastors or Ministries that require Sponsors



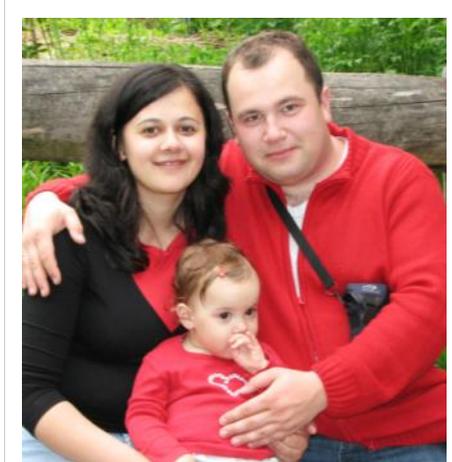
Volodya Vasylovych

- Pastor, 4th Baptist Church, Chernivti, Ukraine
- Summer Camp Director



Masha Vasylika

- Director of an Orphanage Ministry working with 16 orphanages in Chernivtsi, Ukraine



Natalya & Ura Sinkovskiy

- Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church, Lviv, Ukraine
- Family Ministry

Please contact our office for details on:

➔ Sponsoring a National Pastor

➔ Sponsoring a National Ministry

➔ Sponsoring a Child in Ukraine



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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:**
We seek out and identify competent, fruitful National ministries involved in Relief Aid work and Missions projects in Eastern Europe
- **Relationships (Partnerships):**
HART then pours its resources into these ministries, holding them accountable for any material or financial support given
- **Recommendations (Building 'Bridges'):**
Our next step is to "link" these ministries with Churches, Bible Study groups, and individuals in the West, and have them supported prayerfully and financially