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Humanitarian Aid Response Teams (HART)

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*Changing the world
...one heart at a time*

HART is an international relief aid and missions organization focused on partnering and supporting national churches, ministries and leaders involved in Relief Aid & Missions projects in their own countries. Our targeted region is Eastern Europe, in countries such as Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Russia.

Where your support goes...

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 US/Canada
- ⊖ Medical supplies for National missionaries
- ⊖ Dental care for orphans, boys prisons, street kids and children from impoverished families
- ⊖ Mobil medical - dental clinics

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 children in prison
- ⊖ Drug & alcohol rehabilitation centers
- ⊖ Playground apparatus for orphanages, children's hospitals and camps
- ⊖ Micro loans for small business initiatives
- ⊖ Vocational training for orphans, prisoners, women

Medical-Dental Projects

- ⊖ Training and education for National leaders
- ⊖ Financial support for Indigenous pastors
- ⊖ Financial support for Indigenous ministries
- ⊖ Discipleship ministries
- ⊖ Translation of Christian material
- ⊖ Children, youth, sports ministries
- ⊖ Summer Camp ministries
- ⊖ Military ministries
- ⊖ Prison ministries for boys/adults
- ⊖ Women's ministries
- ⊖ Music, drama ministries
- ⊖ Church planting, church construction projects
- ⊖ Hearing impaired ministries
- ⊖ Correspondence course ministries

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Count your blessings



Lately, I've been musing about that old Baptist hymn I sang as a child: "Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings see what God has done..."

You see, the attitude of gratitude is biblical. From one end of the Bible to the other, we are commanded to be thankful. Thankfulness is the natural out flowing of a heart that's attuned to God.

So what should we be thankful about? For starters, when we survey the landscape, and see the poverty, war and devastation around the world today, I think its fair to say that we have already "won the lottery" ...we live in North America!

Let's face it, the majority of people who on this earth would

be more than happy to live in "poverty" in Canada or the US.

The important question for us then is - what is our minimum responsibility? How are we going to share our "lottery winnings" practically and effectively with a world that is hurting and lost?

Well, for those of you that have placed your trust in HART and have been indeed sharing your "winnings" with this ministry...THANK YOU!

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Thanks for being a part of the most dynamic, exciting and fruitful movement in the Missions world today - that of supporting and empowering home-grown indigenous pastors, missionaries and ministries.

The blessings we've received and the work God has done through HART in 2007 has been just phenomenal.

Thank YOU for choosing to serve along side us and being one of those blessing we are 'counting.'

Sincerely,

Lloyd Cenaiko, President

Hope for Elona



Many of you may recall the article we wrote about Elona one year ago. When we met her she was a nine year old girl living in a 'safe home' for street kids operated by Joseph Esenov, director of Morning Star Ministries in Uzhorod, Ukraine.

Her story had captivated us. Kicked out of her home at the age of four by an alcoholic mother, she was forced to live on the streets; enduring a horrendous life and surviving by begging

on street corners.

Finally, now she was given a chance; a chance to have people in her life that would love and care for her. A chance to go to school for the first time.

Sadly, within months the entire story had changed. Because the government began giving single mothers a stipend for each child living at home, Elona's mother re-entered her life and took her from this Christian environment.

Elona, now has to endure abuse from her mother and her mother's boyfriends. She is back on the streets, now begging for them. Without a doubt her life's direction is pointing toward prostitution.

Tears rolled down her cheeks when I asked if she wanted to come back to the safe house, and go to school like all the other kids. She replied, "Yes."

The problem, Joseph explained, was that he couldn't legally take

Elona away from her mother since he was not an officially registered agency; which would require a permanent facility instead of the temporary one he was in.

Good news! We're pleased to report that through generous HART supporters, we've just been able to help Pastor Joseph purchase a facility for his ministry!

Greatest needs? Financial support for building renovations, and a van for transportation.

[Please keep Morning Star ministry, its needs and especially Elona in your prayers. Perhaps together we can give her a second chance.] [h](#)



Pastor Joseph and two street children who live at his current safe home

Senior care in Ukraine



With the aid of two volunteer ministry workers, I was able to slip undetected into one of Ukraine's notorious Pensioner's "homes." The director of this facility was not keen on foreigners observing his facility.

I quickly understood why. The contrast between this facility and the Canadian Senior's Home my grandmothers spent the last years of their life - was shocking.

What awaits pensioners who are forced to leave their homes because of sickness or family circumstances for a government-run facility?

An unimaginable existence in dirty, putrid smelling surroundings; dilapidated old buildings; most often with little or no heat and hot water. Terrible meals. Only promises of medical treatment. Crowded gray-walled rooms shared by four to ten people.

Fear of being beaten by their care-givers is a reality in the lives of these people.

Most facilities haven't even such basic items such as diapers in their budget. The administration of these 'homes' often make matters worse by stealing funds ear-marked for basic supplies and services.

The ministry workers shared with me that when patients complain about their living conditions, the director of this simply retorts: "you are here to die, not to live, so stop your complaining."

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erly can happily and peacefully live out the rest of their lives; government homes for seniors tragically become prisons where people simply await their death.

The ministry workers and I made our way from room to room visiting the elderly "Babas," dispensing plenty of hugs, soft candies, conversation and prayer with them. Loving them. Treating them with respect and dignity.

New HART Partner:

For a few fortunate seniors there are some Christian ministries that look after the elderly. One example is the Pentecostal Holy Trinity Church in Novovolynsk, Ukraine. The Church founded a home for elderly women, most of whom have serious medical difficulties and tragic life stories.

Named Bethesda, it is a place where elderly women, whose spirits and bodies were broken by tragedy, can find refuge.

A Bethesda resident



Over the years a number of women in this center accepted Christ and went on to spend eternity with God.

During the remainder of their lives these elderly women are blessed with a home environment, loving care from Christian workers, supervision 24 hours a day, free medical treatment from volunteer doctors, clothing, 4 meals a day, as well as visits from the pastor and church members.

Greatest needs? Bethesda's needs include:

- Salaries for its workers
- Food, medical & hygiene supplies

Please keep ministries for Seniors, such as Bethesda in your prayers. **📖**

Child Sponsor Project

Are you making a difference?

You may never know the full impact your sponsorship has on the life of a child. However, the case-worker who cares for your child does.

Here are some of their heartfelt comments and greetings to you, followed by their names and the ID# of the region they work in.



Thank you so much for the love you express for the child. Thank you for your sincere heart. May the Lord bless your family. I'm greeting you at New Year. I wish you every success.
Lesya [CA]



Thank you for your heart is filled with love for kids I'm working with. Everything on the Earth will pass away but the love will be forever. It will be essential in eternity where Christ is waiting for us. And there in the heaven He will bring to you the child you were praying for, writing letters to, were saddened with, rejoiced over his or her successes and shared your finances with. I believe in this... With love for you, **Svitlana [RV]**



You can't even imagine how much you and your love mean for the child. Before you became sponsor, the child hadn't received gifts, heard words of love and felt care and attention. May God bless you and your family abundantly. **Nadya [CA]**



My family, me and the destitute children deprived of parental love, send you low bow for the great love of your opened heart. May God bless you, your family and all your good intentions.
Sergiy [LS]



I greet you at New Year 2008. I wish you great blessings from God. May God reward you generously for the care, warmth & kindness you express for the kids! **Olya [TN]**



Thank you for being a great blessing for children who have scared lives. Your support helps them to feel valuable, needed and protected on this earth. You open to the child God's love. Children and pray for you and thank God for you and your family.
Lillya [NV]



Great is the Lord! His great love united us with you in one ministry! I am sincerely thankful to you for the cooperation in God's vineyard! The sincerity of your heart! May the Lord strengthen your health, add the power, inspiration and love! With love and prayer.
Olya [RV]



Thank you so much for your love and care for kids. You bring a lot of joy, warmth and happiness into their homes. Thanks to you the children become kinder, have food to eat and get to know God. I wish you God's abundant blessings. **Oksana [LS]**



The children who receive help from you are sincerely thankful for your kindness and care. Thank you for the support which children get from you. May god bless you abundantly and reward you for your kindness.
Luba [LS]



Thank you for your cooperation. You're contributing greatly to children's lives who need help and care. May God abundantly bless your family. Have a successful New Year.
Oksana [LV]



Low bow to you and sincere gratitude for your opened heart, for caring for poor kids. I join you in our prayers for the kids we take care of. I wish you peace and consent and all the good. May God return you hundred times. I love you very much.
Maria [LN]



Thank you for the opportunity to see God's mercy in life which you give to the children I work with. Thanks to you, the child who had been giving up hope can renew trust in people, can feel care and sincerity of your heart. May the Lord bless you abundantly.
Natalya [RV]

Sponsorship Opportunities

Are you interested in sponsoring a:

- ⊖ Child
- ⊖ Christian orphanage
- ⊖ Christian Foster Home
- ⊖ National Pastor
- ⊖ National Ministry



If so, please contact us for details:

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Impacting ...for time and eternity

One of our case-workers for the Carpathian Mountain region (Nadya) shared a story with us about Marion, a young boy who'd recently been added to our Child Sponsor Project.

When he first joined them for Sunday School classes, Nadya was very impressed with his knowledge of Bible stories. She queried Marion

about this, and he explained that over the previous month he'd read the entire Bible she'd given him while tending his family's cows as they grazed in the fields. **h**

