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Humanitarian Aid Response Teams

changing the world...one heart at a time

# PROTESTS

for democracy & freedom



Anti-government protester in Kyiv reading a Bible

**Dear friends,** These are perilous times in Ukraine. The crisis began in November when Ukrainians swept into the streets to protest President Yanukovich's decision to abandon closer ties with the European Union in favour of Russia.

People by the hundreds of thousands took to the streets to protest this decision. However the protests quickly morphed into a countrywide revolt against the regime's authoritarianism, corruption, cronyism, inequality and poverty that plagues virtually all the countries of the former USSR.

The contrast between choices couldn't be more stark. Europe represents hope for a better future, rule of law, a life without corruption and oligarchs. It represents democracy, free speech, respect for human rights and transparency in government.

The protestors clearly demonstrated they were willing to die to attain these values for their beloved country. Values that we in the West take for granted much too often.

We've been asked many times recently, what will be HART's role in Ukraine, given the current situation and its dire economic outlook?

A critically important one.

Our extensive network of 200+ partnerships in country, positions HART strategically to provide aid to countless people adversely effected by the current events.

In upcoming newsletters and on our website, we'll be sharing with you some practical ways we in the West can assist the National Church as it fulfills its role as a place of healing, love and care, which the country desperately needs at this time.

Please continue to pray for the country of Ukraine and also HART as we enter this new phase in Ukraine's history.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Cenaico  
President  
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# YOU are making a difference!

The next pages reveal a sampling of the wonderful work Indigenous leaders, pastors, churches & ministries are doing each day in Eastern Europe, thanks to YOUR support.

## Muslim Ministries update

The Tatar people, descendants of the Mongol Empire, inhabited Crimea for more than seven centuries. After WW II, the Tatars suffered the horrors of mass deportation to Central Asia and Siberia, ordered by Stalin. Since 1991 almost 300,000 have returned to their Crimean homeland.



## Planting churches among the Tatars of Crimea

"This has been a very interesting period in our ministry. We are humbled that God uses us for His mighty work.

Our church consists of Tatars that live in Crimea. We meet in the town of Simferopol. Every week there are about 40-50 people who attend our church.

Many of these people are already Christians, some are not. This year we were able to purchase a piece of land for the church and hope that in future

Report and thanks from a HART partner in Simferopol, Crimea.

we'll be able to have our own building. All Tatars are Muslim. But when they hear about God through personal relationships, their hearts change.

This year we've opened Tatar churches in six more villages. Praise the Lord!!

**Thank you for being a part of our ministry. Without you this would not have been impossible! God bless!!"**

—Brother Andrey, Crimea

## Pastors conference in Central Asia

HART will be hosting its first-ever Pastors Conference in Central Asia. Up to 150 Pastors & Leaders in the underground Christian Churches of eight Central Asian countries will be attending.

These Christian leaders live in countries with considerable persecution, so for their

Involving representatives from 8 "Stan" and Central Asian countries

protection we're not able to divulge more details at this time. However, we'll have a report after the conference and share some of the highlights with you.

Please keep this conference in your prayers. And thanks to all of you supporting this area of our ministry.



## Water wells for Gypsy villages

“Water is life! Thank you for giving life to people in the Esen village. With your help we’ve made them a well and now these people can get good water.

We are very grateful for your support of our ministry!

It’s wonderful when we can show Jesus through our actions and not only through words.” –Pastor Ruslan

In a previous newsletter we appealed for support to construct water wells for three Gypsy villages in Western Ukraine.

YOU RESPONDED...and all three wells have been completed!

What a blessing for these villages and the local Baptist Churches who coordinated these well projects.

HART’s administers its relief aid initiatives through local churches. This ensures they fully



Grateful villagers and their new well

get the credit for practically & effectively helping people in their community, which opens up doors to share their faith.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of YOU who donated funds toward this project!



## New partners in the Netherlands

HART’s policy is to work in partnership with other agencies wherever possible. It’s a practical strategy and ensures good stewardship of the funds God provides through our donors.

Therefore, we’re happy to announce a new partnership with a Dutch connection—a Christian agency located in Amsterdam.

They became acquainted with us through a HART presentation at an International Anti-Human-Trafficking conference in Barcelona, Spain last spring.

Recently this ministry donated **\$50,000** worth of laptops, desktop computers and projectors which will now be distributed to our network of partners in Ukraine and Moldova.

The National ministries we’re targeting as beneficiaries of this equipment are those teaching ethics and morality (from a Biblical perspective) to High School students. Tens of thousands of young people are impacted by these ministries each year.

Other recipients of these computers are gypsy school initiatives that HART has begun in the Western part of Ukraine and poor rural schools in the Carpathian Mountains.



## Support for rural schools

Ukraine’s economic situation has deteriorated dramatically in the past couple of years.

One of the lower priorities of the current government is education. The number of school closures in rural areas is staggering.

Due to the lack of affordable busing, children in rural areas including the Carpathian mountains must walk up to ten km to the nearest school.

These schools are chronically short of basic equipment and supplies.

Through a local National missionary partner we recently blessed a school in the Carpathian Mountains with a variety of sports equipment (see above picture).

The goal now is to start a sports club where we will have the opportunity to share God’s love with students.

Thanks to all of you who support our “**Education Fund**” –used to provide scholarships for students from poor families and help rural schools with basic equipment, supplies and computers.



## Supporting Senior Care ministries

“Dear HART, This has been a blessed time for us and our ministry. Thank you for being a part of it and praying for us.

We keep working in our mercy house for senior people in our church. There are 19 ladies at the moment. There were only 16 beds, but because of many people that need help we decided to add more beds. As they say, the more the merrier.

We are very grateful for your support as these people need it a lot. They need 24 hour care, medicine, diapers... We are very humbled to help these people, show them God’s love, especially when there’s no one else to love them.

Recently, two more ladies repented and opened their hearts to Jesus. Rejoice with us!

We again thank you for your support of our ministry! Thank you for your open heart to those who are in need and wretched.

May God bless you abundantly!!”  
Brother Volodymyr

Medical-Dental Projects:

- Medical clinics for the poor
- Mobile medical - dental clinics
- Medical supplies for hospitals, prisons
- Aid for young mothers and their newborns
- Medical supplies for National missionaries
- Dental care for orphans, boys prisons, street kids, children from impoverished families

Relief Aid Projects:

- Child Sponsor Project
- Crisis pregnancy centers
- Orphan Relief Aid projects
- Human Trafficking prevention projects
- 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
- Micro loans for small business initiatives
- Vocational training for orphans, prisoners, women, at-risk youth

Missions 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
- Prison ministries for boys/adults
- Women's ministries
- Music, drama ministries
- Church planting support
- Church construction projects
- Hearing-impaired ministries
- Correspondence course ministries

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At HART, we respect your choice regarding how often you would like to receive our updates. If you would like to customize your mailings, please call us at 403.230.8263. HART is audited annually by an independent accounting firm, and our financial statements are available upon request.

100% of all contributions designated for specific projects will be applied to those projects. When we receive more contributions for a given project than can wisely be applied to that project, we use these funds to meet a similar pressing need.

# How can YOU get involved?

If you live in the Calgary, Alberta area, don't forget to buy your tickets for the:

### March 14, Dinner & Auction

Over 700 people attended last years event! Tickets are going fast. Register on our website or call the office: 403-230-8263



## Other ways you can get involved

### 1. Pray

For the ministries and projects mentioned in this newsletter, and for the country of Ukraine

### 2. Sponsor a Child

As a family, life group or an individual

### 3. Sponsor an Indigenous Pastor

As an individual, family, life group or church

### 4. Where most needed

Your gifts will allow us to respond practically and effectively to the current needs of our partners in Eastern Europe

## One more.. "Thank YOU!"



"THANKS" from these Gypsy children who recently received the Christmas Gift boxes that many of YOU packed and sent to them through HART

### Humanitarian Aid Response Teams International Relief

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HART's mandate is to come alongside the Indigenous church in Eastern Europe, and empower/equip their ministries to transform lives through Medical-dental aid, Relief Aid and Missions projects in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Belarus, Russia and Central Asia.



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Learn to do right!  
Seek justice,  
encourage the oppressed.  
Defend the cause  
of the fatherless,  
plead the case  
of the widow.