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humanitarian aid response teams (HART)

*International relief*



changing the world...one heart at a time

creating...HOPE...together



Thanks to YOUR support over 5,000 children from poor families, orphanages, street kids ministries, special needs children, the hearing impaired, etc...all attended camps this summer.

**Dear friends,** I'm writing this just days after returning from three months in Eastern Europe. It was an amazing summer in so many ways, all made possible by God's grace and your generous hearts. Let me share with you a few highlights from the summer of 2012...

#### **EURO-CUP "FAN ZONES"**

This summer Poland and Ukraine hosted the Euro-Cup Soccer Championships. Four Ukrainian cities (including Lviv, where HART's office is located) played host to several international matches.

Churches all across Ukraine used this month-long tournament for Christian

outreaches, which HART had the privilege of supporting.

Churches created "Fan Zones" during the evenings when the games were broadcast live. Projectors and large screens were set up. Refreshments were served for those attending (members invited non-churched friends).

Christian athletes gave testimonies before and after the soccer matches; there were games and plenty of fellowship.

#### **SPECIAL NEEDS YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDED EURO-CUP**

In this soccer-mad part of the world, everyone dreamed of being able to attend a game, however, ticket prices were

simply prohibitive for the average person in Ukraine.

Can you imagine the shock and delight a handful of Special Needs young people experienced when (compliments of HART) they were wheeled to front row seats at a match between Germany and Denmark!?

It was the thrill of a lifetime for them. Two months later their pastor informed me they still carry their tickets with them to prove to themselves and to others they actually attended a Euro-Cup game!

#### **MEDIAL-DENTAL CLINIC IN BOYS PRISON**

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we were able to convince our Mobile Medical & Dental team partners to set up their clinics in a maximum security prison for teenage boys.

For most of these boys it was the very first time they'd ever received proper medical and dental care.

The doctors and dentists were themselves, genuinely touched by the sad stories of these young boys, who



Team dentist and three prisoners

through no fault of their own, were born into families where poverty, alcoholism, drug addiction and criminal activity was the norm.

Thank YOU, because of YOUR support we were able to bless these boys with medical and dental care this summer.

And with your support of HART Prison Ministry partners, we together, can give them hope for a second chance in life.



EURO-CUP 2012 in Ukraine



Theological students from Central Asian countries. Because of persecution in their home countries, we can't show their faces, to protect them and their families

**CENTRAL ASIAN STUDENTS**

We had the privilege of visiting with these young men at a Theological seminary in Kyiv, Ukraine, where they're studying.

They expressed heartfelt gratitude to YOU for the opportunity to attend this seminary, as Christian education is unavailable in their own countries.

They shared personal stories of persecution and hardship.

One young man described the tears of joy he shed upon learning he was chosen by his church to attend this Seminary. It had been his dream for years. Please keep these young men in your prayers.



Construction team from Alberta

**BABA (GRANDMA) YULIA AND HER WINTER WOODPILE**

A men's construction team from Centre Street Church (Calgary, AB), had the honour of spending a day with and blessing Baba Yulia with enough firewood for the upcoming winter.

Yulia has no family looking after her. She lives in a one room home that is heated by wood and at age NINETY has to walk daily to the neighbors to get water from their well. (See cover photo)



"Carolyn"

**A MOTHER'S GRATITUDE TO A SPONSOR**

In the heart of the poverty stricken Carpathian mountains, a single mom with 11 children chose a unique way to express her gratitude to a lady in Canada, who for years had been supporting two of her children through HART's Child Sponsor project.

She named her youngest daughter after this Sponsor ...CAROLYN!

**SAVING VASELYNA'S LIFE!**

This past July, a little girl came into this world two months premature, born to

a poor couple living in the Carpathian Mountains.

Mykola and Olenka were told the hospital required money to keep their baby in an incubator to ensure her survival. Otherwise, they were free to take her home as she was, which meant probable death.

The amount of money the hospital wanted to extort (\$400) was totally out of their reach.

We knew about this situation because one of their children is currently in our Child Sponsor Project.

Thanks to YOU... HART was able to intervene, providing the necessary funds



Grateful mom & baby Vaselyna

the hospital required, ultimately saving Vaselyna's life.

The parents are eternally grateful and extend their thanks to all of YOU who support HART's ministry, its Medical Fund and the Child Sponsor program.

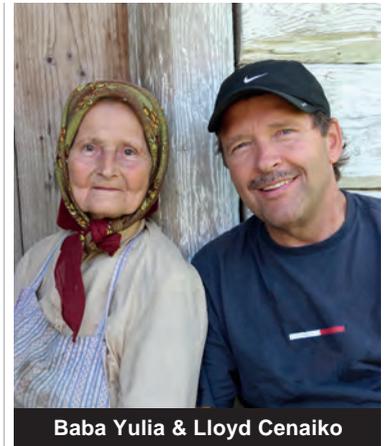
**MICRO-LOANS PROVIDE A "HAND UP"**

We've also agreed to give Vaselyna's father a micro-loan for his wood-cutting business so he can better provide for his family.

As our staff and I reflected on these and numerous others stories of transformed lives through HART'S ministry, and the critical role YOU play in all of this, a theme has been resonating with us this summer that describes this process...

**"CREATING HOPE TOGETHER."**

Thanks to God's grace and guidance ...thanks to YOUR faithful support



Baba Yulia & Lloyd Cenaiko

...and thanks to our incredible volunteers in Canada, the USA and Ukraine, we together are able to create HOPE for a better future for so many ...for families living in abject poverty, for young people confined to wheelchairs, or young boys in prison, or abandoned grandmothers like Baba Yulia.

Thank YOU and may God richly bless you.

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Dr. Stefan and Larissa Wilson led a Centre Street Church (Calgary, Alberta) short-term missions team to work in a Christian Orphanage in Western Ukraine. We asked them to share some of their thoughts with us about this experience. Larissa was originally born in Ukraine.

eating with them and holding their hands while praying with them and our main connection is God, was an amazing feeling. It made everything become so real.

The information in the child profile became so clear and we also realized that we were not just supporting one little girl, we were also supporting the family as

well. Our small gesture of the monthly contribution goes along way in improving their quality of life, more than I realized.

#### WORKING IN AN ORPHANAGE

Meeting and working alongside the caregivers at the “Ark” orphanage was very humbling. The ladies there are so kind and warm to the children.

I would compare the director, Liliya, to Mother Theresa. She is so patient with the children and she always has a smile on her face even when times are tough. Her dedication not only to her job, but to the children is remarkable and makes my efforts pale in comparison.

The hours are long but the ladies’ faith and dedication did not seem to waver.

#### USING YOUR CHIROPRACTIC TALENTS

The ladies at the orphanage told us they have daily headaches and back-aches. To help them out I treated all the caregivers at Ark.

Some of the ladies stayed hours after their shift had ended in order to be treated.

The following morning Liliya said she felt “re-born again” because she didn’t have a headache and her back no longer hurt.

What a privilege it was for me to serve these caregivers.

#### LARISSA:

Coming back to Ukraine after 22 years, was an unreal experience.

I had dreamed about that day for years but never thought it would happen. Because I was so young when we left the country, I don’t have as many bad memories of living there as my parents do and who don’t wish to go back at all.

I wanted the opportunity to visit the city where I grew up and share it with my husband. Stepping off the airplane and seeing the signs in Ukrainian and hearing everyone speak the language instantly made me feel like I was back at home. This was the country where I grew

up, traditions and people that I completely understand. It was great to be there again!

I also remember the poverty that we lived in. There were seven of us kids along with my parents, living in a two-room apartment. Clothing and food were very hard to obtain.

I’d heard living conditions for most people in Ukraine were not very good but sad to say, what I saw was actually worse than my expectations. Most people are still as poor as they were 22 years ago.

I recall my mother telling us many times, that if we hadn’t immigrated she doesn’t know how she would have fed us all and how we would have survived.

So it hits pretty close to home hearing about kids being dropped off at orphanages because their parents can’t afford to keep them. The reality is that could very well have been my brothers and sisters had we stayed in Ukraine.

What had a great impact on me was seeing the burning desire in Christians to serve God with all they had, without hesitation or putting themselves first. They are so dedicated to helping those around them and caring for those that have been pushed aside.

It was a great reminder of how Christians should be living their every day life, and not just on a

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mission’s trip once a year.

It was also very hard seeing how many people could have an easier life if they had access to proper medical care and even chiropractic care.

I have greater sympathy for them because I understand how hard it is to be in pain, and also great appreciation for Stefan and his chiropractic talents and his willingness to help people in Ukraine.

#### OUR MESSAGE TO YOU:

- We urge you to call HART and sponsor a child... TODAY!
- We would also urge you to pray for the ministries in Ukraine that are dedicated to impacting children.

#### STEFAN:

#### YOUR IMPRESSIONS OF HART’S OVERALL STRATEGY OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH NATIONALS.

After being to many HART events and listening to Lloyd talk about empowering the Ukrainian people by supporting their local ministries I had somewhat of an idea of the theory behind the concept.

Seeing it with my own eyes by witnessing how it is operational made everything much more clear. I now fully understand how HART is the middle man using Canadian/USA dollars not to fund the ministries, but to support them strategically to help them become self sufficient.

There are a lot of great success stories that I witnessed and also a lot of ministries that require more prayers and support.

#### MEETING YOUR SPONSORED CHILD

Meeting our sponsor child was one of the greatest afternoons of my life. My wedding day was the happiest day of my life and meeting our sponsored child is now second.

Being able to sit in the family’s home half way around the world,

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HART’s mandate is to come along side the Indigenous church in Eastern Europe, empower and equip their ministries as they fulfill the Great Commandment and Commission in their own countries.

Through our 200+ partnerships with National ministries we’re involved in Medical-dental, Micro-finance, Relief and Development and Missions projects in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Belarus.

#### Ways YOU can get involved:

1. PRAY: For the ministries and projects mentioned in this newsletter.
2. SPONSOR A CHILD: You, your family or life group
3. SPONSOR AN INDIGENOUS PASTOR OR MINISTRY: You, your family, your life group or church
4. WHERE MOST NEEDED: Your gifts will allow us to respond practically and effectively to the needs of our ministry partners in Eastern Europe