



## Doing “small things with **GREAT LOVE**”

Dear friends,

Mother Teresa was quoted as saying: **“We can do no great things, only small things with great love.”** We at HART believe that if enough of us do the “small things” we really CAN change this world! It is also comforting to know that God doesn’t expect nor require you or I to be superstars, just faithful and obedient...praying, loving and serving others.

A group of Seniors from Centre Street Church (Calgary, Alberta) chose to do “small things with great love” by providing Christmas presents for hundreds of gypsy children living in poverty in Western Ukraine. They were distributed through a local Gypsy Church, also a HART partner, to kids in three villages.

The amount of joy, delight, laughter and happiness these gifts created was inestimable. **For most of these kids it was the first time they’d received a Christmas present in their lives!** The local gypsy pastor told us, “Because of the love of people from Canada these Gypsy people were able to better understand the FREE gift that Jesus gave us on the first Christmas.”

**Through YOUR support** we’ve been able to help construct two Gypsy churches in the past two years. We are now starting on a third one, and require some assistance with finances. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we expand our work into more Gypsy villages.



## Diana's story

—Lloyd Cenaiko  
President, lloyd@hart.ca



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In 2006 I photographed a little girl by the name of Diana who made the cover of a HART newsletter (see adjacent picture). When I met Diana (age 3) and her sister Sabrina (age 5) their situation and future seemed hopeless. Alisa, their mother was a drug addict and the grandmother Svitlana, was an alcoholic.

Precious little attention was being paid to the girls. The mother, in constant trouble with the law, would leave home for weeks on end usually with the police eventually bringing her home.

In exchange for vodka, the grandmother allowed drug addicts to use their apartment as a drug den; a place to make and use drugs and just 'hang out.'

Out of necessity the girls spent much of their time on the street, collecting and selling bottles to buy or exchange for food. It was all too common to see them at their neighbor's doors begging for food.

This was Diana and Sabrina's world....and it was at this stage that HART entered their lives.

Our Child Sponsor Project in Ukraine and Moldova operates through partnerships with local churches. They identify poor families and enroll the children into the Sponsorship Program. The monthly financial help from US and Canadian sponsors opens the door for them to impact the entire family.

On their first visit to Diana and Sabrina's home, the team from New Life Church (Lviv, Ukraine) were shocked and horrified.

Alisa (the mom) was passed out on the floor, lying in her own urine and feces. The grandmother was inebriated and busy entertaining an alcoholic boyfriend. The girls were hiding in a closet, too terrified to venture out.

A couple of weeks after their initial visit, I accompanied the ministry team to see the home for myself. I was equally disturbed by what I saw. As soon as we entered the apartment the mother and two of her male friends, quickly

gathered up their drug paraphernalia and made a hasty exit out of the apartment.

The smell was the second thing that hit me--putrid, moldy, damp, foul smell of urine, cigarettes and alcohol. The walls of the apartment were destroyed and it seemed to me the entire apartment was about to collapse at any minute.

Then our eyes connected with theirs. Bewildered, innocent, frightened little girls. Instantly, I realized we couldn't say "NO."

You see, the purpose for our visit was to determine if we should take the girls into the Sponsorship Program. Our concern was the real possibility the mom and grandmother would sell our food hampers to purchase more alcohol or drugs.

But as we gazed into their eyes, we all realized something had to be done. We put our faith in God that He would accomplish a miracle.

In the 2006 Newsletter commentary on this story I wrote:

"Just prior to us leaving a member of our team from Alberta, Jacquie 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.

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."

I closed the article with these words...  
"If you are interested in becoming Diana's (or her sister's) sponsor please contact HART's office."

Well, two incredible things happened after writing that article; first—both girls received sponsors.

Secondly, through this Sponsorship program, New Life Church along with God's guidance slowly began to transform this family.

It wasn't an easy task. When the case-workers began their weekly visits the alcoholics and drug addicts staying in the apartment would laugh at or taunt them, and many times even invite them to partake in their drugs.

Then, one day while playing with matches, Diana lit her pajamas on fire. None of the adults were coherent enough to notice, and she received terrible third degree burns from this.

Remarkably, each day members of the church came to help Diana as she recovered from her burns. Svitlana was astonished that strangers would have the desire and compassion to care for her grandchild.

The effectiveness of our Child Sponsor program lies in the fact that it is truly a partnership between the Local Church and a Sponsor from the West, who together do "small things with great love."

This partnership over the ensuing years provided Diana and Sabrina with food, medical assistance, birthday and Christmas presents and as the children got older, with summer camp experiences.

The local ministry team continued to extend love to the whole family. The grandmother's heart began to melt as she saw the regular help with food hampers, clothes

and things for their home. She began to trust these Christians and one day drove away her "companions" from the apartment.

One summer the girls were invited to attend a summer camp and returned home so filled with joy they begged their grandma to take them to Sunday School each Sunday...which she did.

Through the Sponsor's financial gifts, the church was able to help renovate their apartment. It was the incentive that Svitlana needed to keep it clean and began teaching the children to do likewise.

Step by step improvements were made to the home; an indoor toilet, warm running water and renovated kitchen. The apartment was finally mold-free and was no longer freezing in the winter.

Diana and Sabrina received wonderful gifts from their sponsors including bikes and more recently a computer.

**EPILOGUE:** The grandmother, Svitlana has become a Christian and is now a member of New Life church. She helps people who are alcoholics, drug addicts and HIV-positive.



Sabrina and Diana

The children's mom Alisa, became a Christian as well. She gave up her drugs, and now works in a hospital and shares with anyone who will listen about her new life and how God has changed her heart.

Sabrina is now in grade five and Diana is in grade three. They are truly happy, delightful girls as you can see from these photos taken at a camp they attended in August.

The transformation that took place in this family was remarkable and **we are so thankful to God, to the local Church who poured their lives into this family, and of course to the Sponsors**, who because they committed to do "small things with GREAT LOVE" played such an integral part in giving these girls a completely different destiny!!

New Life Church extends its greetings and gratitude to all of YOU who support HART. "We thank God for HART's ministry in Ukraine because we see that God does incredible things through it."

**If you would like to change the world for one child like Diana or Sabrina, by becoming a Sponsor**, please contact our office for details or go to our website.

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Lloyd Cenaiko & Diana at summer camp

# How can YOU get involved?

## OVERVIEW of OUR PROJECTS

### 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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## Support Christian Orphanages and Foster Homes

In 2012 HART began new partnerships with **twelve** Christian orphanages in Ukraine.

They range in size from fifteen to forty children. None of these facilities receive support from the West and typically run on a shoe-string budget. The state does little to help. In fact, if anything, they interfere and create problems for these orphanages.

### Why should we support them?

For a graphic visual response to this question please follow the adjacent YOU TUBE link. What you see is quite disturbing—a Russian orphanage worker physically and verbally abusing little children in her care. What the camera caught was mild compared to real life for 10s of thousands of kids each & every day.

Over the years HART's ministry has partnered with many State-run orphanages, and we've met directors who genuinely care for their kids. However, this group is in the minority.

We've also heard stories of Orphanage directors selling young kids to be used in Child pornography or forcing young girls into prostitution.

### Supporting a Christian orphanage WILL save lives!

In contrast, a Christian orphanage is run by caring and loving people. It's a safe, healthy environment where the kids also hear about a Heavenly Father who loves them and has a plan and purpose for their lives.



**We encourage you/your family/your life group or your church...** to make a practical and lasting difference in the world by supporting a Christian Orphanage or Foster Home, and giving abandoned and hurting children a second chance in life. They need your support today!

**Cost of support:**  
\$50 - \$500 per month

**You will receive:**  
pictures/letters from the kids



Clips from  
a Russian  
orphanage

<http://youtu.be/2H7MLyq75hI>

## other ways you can get involved

- **Pray** - For the ministries and projects mentioned in this newsletter.
- **Sponsor a child** - As an individual, family or life group
- **Sponsor an indigenous Pastor** - As an individual, family, life group or church
- **Where most needed** - Your gifts will allow us to respond practically and effectively to the needs of our ministry partners in Eastern Europe



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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 aid, Micro-finance, Relief and Development and Missions projects in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Belarus.

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

Isaiah 1:17