

Changing a child can help change a country

Dear friends of HART,

Most of you who've followed our ministry over the years have recognized that children are HART's highest priority.

Christians are commanded to reveal the love of Christ to a hurting world and no group of people in the world are hurting more than children.

Today in Ukraine tens of thousands of children have been impacted by the war, displaced by the fighting, and having to endure unimaginable hardships, turmoil and pain.

Our work in Eastern Europe reflects our priorities. Here's a sampling of what we do:

- Support for families & orphans displaced by the war in East Ukraine
- Each year we provide summer camp programs for 7-8,000 children.
- We are serving 1,100 children and their families through our Child Sponsor Project.
- Our Education Fund provides scholarships for children from impoverished communities.
- HART mobile Medical & Dental clinics serve thousands of children each year.
- We support Church partners throughout our extensive network, engaged in children and youth ministries.
- We provide support for Partners who care for vulnerable street kids and orphans.



- HART supports programs and camps for disabled children and youth.
 - We provide support for a myriad of Christian foster homes and orphanages. Our sincere thanks to all of you who faithfully work along side us as we impact thousands of children each year.
- Together, we are changing the future of Ukraine!** May God richly bless you for being on this journey with us.

Lloyd Cenaiko
President



Lloyd Cenaiko with some of the orphans HART evacuated from the war in East Ukraine

Partner profile: Ukraine Without Orphans (Kyiv, Ukraine)



“Almost every day I have to deal with the problems of orphans.

Their suffering and loneliness fills the heart with unspeakable pain.

They dream of a loving father and mother as they look at children living in caring families!

Not one orphanage or institution, even the best equipped with the most modern furniture and toys can ever replace the warmth of a family environment.”

Dr. Roman Korniyko,
President
Ukraine without Orphans



HART is privileged to partner with “Ukraine Without Orphans” an alliance of Ukrainian Christians whose purpose is to see their nation devoid of orphans by helping every child be placed in a loving, caring family.

UWO plays a critically important and effective role in three areas:

- ① motivating and mobilizing the Christian community to help orphans
- ② influencing governmental policy and legislation in the field of child welfare
- ③ facilitating adoptions and assisting in the development of foster homes



HOW YOU CAN HELP

When the war erupted in East Ukraine thousands left their homes and possessions behind and headed West in attempts to save the lives of their children and family members.

This included many foster families and Christian orphanages.

Since the Ukrainian government is incapable of providing these refugee families with homes, agencies like Ukraine without Orphans (in partnership with HART) stepped in to

help find housing and provisions during this time of crisis.

OUR GREATEST NEEDS are...

- ① **financial support for Christian families and foster homes to rebuild their lives and homes.**
- ② **financial support for orphans who've been evacuated from war zones...for food, lodging, school, clothing, medical & dental.**



Statistics on Ukraine's orphans

1 in 5 orphans will end up in prison
1 in 7 will commit suicide

10,000 kids become “social” orphans every year, which means their parents are still alive, but unable to care for their children. (alcohol, drug addictions & child abuse)

24,000 orphans desperately need to be adopted, but won't, because they either have disabilities or are older children and less desirable for adoptive parents.

104,000 kids live in orphanages because their parents have abandoned them. They are lonely and hurting. Life in an orphanage is filled with humiliation, frustration and violence.

250,000 kids suffer from violence and abuse at home. Many run away, becoming street kids or end up in orphanages.

WHY? The major reason for these disturbing statistics is simply due to the breakdown of the family unit. Soaring alcoholism and divorce rates, coupled with devastating unemployment and poverty are all contributing factors.

MAXIM'S STORY

To change a nation—start with its children

Max's journey in life was anything but routine and normal. His story provides an interesting glimpse into the ways HART has been impacting thousands of children in Eastern Europe.

Born into an alcoholic home, his stepfather was abusive and sadistic. **Beatings and starving the kids was the norm, but he also made Maxim and his brother throw knives at each other for his entertainment.**

Eventually the brothers were removed from the home and sent to a state orphanage. Here, life was degrading and violent as well, but it was also visited by a Christian ministry (supported by HART) and for the first time he heard about a Heavenly Father who loved him.

People in this ministry made it possible for Max & his brother to attend summer camps (supported by HART). After graduating from the orphanage they lived in a Christian safe house (another HART project).

Max became a Christian, got married at the age of 21 to Tetiana, a young girl who herself, grew up in an orphanage. Both of them committed their lives to serving orphans, to help hurting kids who'd lost or been abandoned by their parents.

They started adopting children and soon ran out of room in their small apartment. With help from HART supporters Maxim was able to purchase a larger home. They now have 8 children, two of their own

and the rest are adopted. HART supporters also provide ongoing assistance for their Foster home.

Maxim was invited to join the leadership team of a church (that incidentally, is also a HART partner) and a few years later he is now one of its two senior pastors.

EPILOGUE: As youngsters, Maxim and his brother dreamed how someday they'd return and get revenge on their father.

However, instead of revenge they went back with forgiveness and love in their hearts, and a desire to share the Gospel with him.

YOUR ROLE IN THIS STORY

For all of you who have faithfully stood by HART over the years, Maxim's life is truly a celebration of what **YOU'VE** accomplished with your generosity and prayers!

HART's investment into programs for young people has a long term goal. It's to raise up a generation of new leaders that will impact their country's future.

New leaders (like Max) that will be spiritually grounded in Christian principles and committed to loving God and loving their neighbours.

THIS is how we change a nation!

Please prayerfully consider supporting Maxim and Tetiana as they expand their family of orphans and influence their community.



Maxim, Tetiana and 7 of their 8 children



Thanks!

Thanks to all the donors, sponsors, volunteers and attendees who made our 2015 Calgary Auction a resounding success. We were blessed to raise \$170,000! Along with the proceeds of our upcoming Auction in Edmonton we will be able to send 7-8,000 underprivileged kids to camps in Ukraine & Moldova this summer!!

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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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Ukraine Without Orphans Maxim's story

changing the world—one heart at a time