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Humanitarian Aid Response Teams



Pastor Gennady praying with Ukrainian soldiers. "I've never met a soldier who didn't want to be prayed over."

Dear friends,

There's not a lot of good news coming out of Ukraine these days. The war in the East continues to drag on. 1.5 million people are now refugees. Ukraine's currency has devalued and food prices have skyrocketed. Life is getting more difficult each day.

However, a by-product of this tragedy is a surge of opportunities for the Church and its ministries to serve those in need. In all corners of Ukraine Christians are rolling up their sleeves and enthusiastically embracing this phenomenon.

Eugene (pictured at right with me) and Gennady (above) are two such individuals. Recipients of HART support, these two amazing Pastors work close to the front lines in different regions, serving and sharing God's love with refugees and soldiers.

Both men have fascinating accounts of how their ministries are touching lives. One story Eugene shared, particularly caught my interest, after he mentioned many of the refugees he serves are wives and children of Pro-Russian militants fighting against the Ukrainian army.

Responding to the surprised look on my face, he smiled and quoted Romans 12: 20-21. "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."



Eugene continued, "the impact on the wives is dramatic. Rather than being persecuted as the 'enemy' we are loving & caring for them. But what is truly remarkable are the frequent phone calls I get from their husbands behind enemy lines, tearfully thanking us for looking after their families."

As I tried to digest the gravity of this, it occurred to me just how powerful the act of 'loving your enemy' could be. I couldn't help but think how difficult it would be for Pro-Russians to shoot at Ukrainian soldiers knowing Ukrainians are caring for their families.

Thanks to you...HART truly plays an important strategic role in this current crisis. Because of your support, channelled through our extensive network—we can easily supply churches and ministries anywhere in Ukraine with needed resources.

Please pray for Pastors like Eugene and Gennady, who courageously and selflessly serve those in need.

Thank YOU for serving with us!

Rich blessings,

Lloyd Cenaiko
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Transforming lives through education

Education Scholarship Fund

Whether you live in Canada or Cambodia, Britain or Bangladesh, people want the chance to go to school, they want the dignity of having a job, earning a wage and supporting their families.

Ukraine and Moldova are no different. However, being two of the poorest countries in Europe, opportunities for higher education are becoming cost prohibitive.

EDUCATION FUND

We believe investing in education is the single most effective way to reduce poverty and inequality and protect at-risk youth, especially young girls.

Therefore we're excited to announce the launch of a new program designed to assist young people from under-privileged families get post-secondary education.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

It will be open to all young people in HART's family: Child Sponsor Project, Fostered children, those in Christian orphanages, street kids in safe homes and Gypsy children.

The selection process will involve our partner churches and HART case-workers in determining which students should be grant recipients.

COST OF EDUCATION

Annual scholarships can range from \$400 to \$1,200 per annum depending upon the goal—a vocational training

diploma, or a college or university degree.

MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE

The really exciting part is this: **a generous HART donor has offered to match any donation** toward this Education Fund up to \$40,000. So, your gift of \$100 = \$200; \$500 = \$1,000 etc.

WHY IS THIS FUND IMPORTANT?

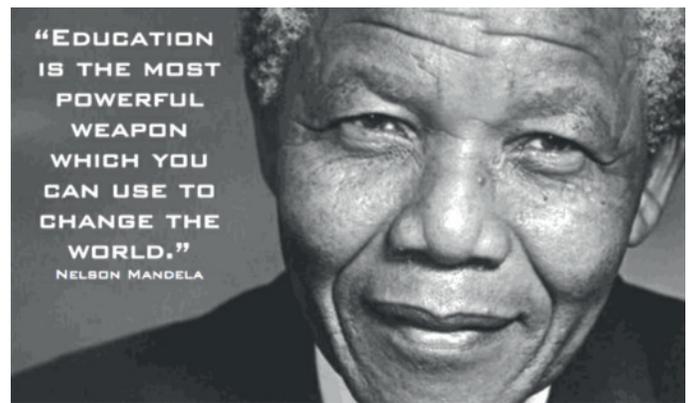
It transforms lives. It can transform a community. Here are two examples:

Ira (pictured at right) has been receiving educational support from a sponsor in Alberta for the past two years. She is completing the last year of a Nurse-practitioner course and eventually may become a doctor.

What's unusual about this story is that Ira is a Gypsy. Rarely do Gypsies get a regular education past Grade 3, let alone a post-secondary degree.

Next spring when Ira graduates, she plans to open up the first medical clinic in her home village and provide basic Health Care to her people. Proper medical care will transform this community.

Vasyl (Bill) was one of the first Carpathian Mountain children in our Child Sponsor Project. Years later when he aged out of the program, HART helped him with tuition for an accounting diploma.



Bill is now an accountant, living in Prague (Czech Republic). His education allowed him to pull his entire family (mother and 5 siblings) out of poverty.

Our long term goal is to grow this Scholarship Fund to **\$100,000** per year. But we need YOUR help! Please consider supporting this new HART project.



Future Dr. Ira



Praiseworthy

Foster family for HIV infected kids have new home

Some of you may recall one year ago we profiled the **Isaev Foster Home** for HIV infected children. They had just fled the war zone in East Ukraine and were in Kyiv, starting their lives over again. Well...a local businessman who heard of their situation stepped forward and bought the Isaev's a house for their family!

Thanks to all of you who are supporting Zhenya & Svitlana and their children with your finances and prayers.



English classes with National churches

Amazing Alberta ESL teams

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we found ourselves faced with the daunting task of assembling and sending two ESL teams to Ukraine—all in the space of **10 days!**

However, God orchestrated the circumstances, put all the pieces of the puzzle together resulting in “the **best** ESL teams we’ve ever had here,” remarked Pastor Sasha, whose Church in Rivne, Ukraine was in charge of this English project.

One of the Albertans, who had only three days between notice of his acceptance on the team and getting on the plane, said the trip was a “life-changing” experience, a sentiment echoed by the entire team.

We are looking to fill several HART Short Term Mission trips for 2016 and will be providing details in the future. Please pray about and consider being part of your own unforgettable, life-changing mission trip.

Only those willing leave their comfort zone need apply!

Summer camps

Thousands attend camps

This year's summer camps in Ukraine and Moldova, that **YOU** supported, have been special for a number of reasons.

Many of the children attending their very first Christian camp were children of refugees, displaced by the war.

Many were orphans, foster kids or street children who had one of the most memorable summers of their lives.

YOU are to be thanked for this.

Others were kids from the war zones, who've been traumatized by the frequent bombings of their towns or cities. Their parents were desperate to get them away to a quiet, safe place for a rest.

YOU blessed them with this “oasis” for a time of healing.

This month (September) we'll be having an unusual camp; our first one for wounded and disabled soldiers and their families. The director

of the camp just sent this thank you note to **YOU**:

“We thank HART for financial assistance in organization and holding of this camp. May God bless you for participating in the lives of injured military people of Ukraine. We are honored to reach people for the Kingdom of God together with you.”

—Serhii Bolchuk.

Thanks to people like you, we've raised more than a \$1 Million over the past 13 years to send tens of thousands of children to Christian summer camps throughout Ukraine and Moldova.

Why do we invest so much of our resources on children and youth?

Our goal is to raise up a new generation of Christian young people who will be the future leaders of their country—like the Ukrainian children in these pictures...



ways you can get involved

✓ PRAYER

Please pray for Christians in Ukraine like Pastor Eugene and Gennady, as they practically demonstrate God's love to displaced people and soldiers. Pray that God will provide them with the resources they need for their ministries. Also pray that peace will return to Ukraine.

✓ REFUGEE AID

Help provide basic aid to displaced people from Eastern Ukraine.
\$25 can purchase hygiene kits: soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, shaving material, towels.
\$100 can purchase blankets, shoes and warm clothing for the upcoming fall and winter.

✓ EDUCATION FUND

Consider helping us use the "powerful weapon" of education in Eastern Europe. Your support of the Education Fund will lift countless young people and their families out from under the heavy burden of poverty and despair.

✓ RIDE FOR REFUGE - OCTOBER 3, 2015

OVERVIEW:

The Ride for Refuge is a family-friendly cycling fundraiser that partners with charities to raise funds for their work with the displaced, vulnerable and exploited.

WHO THE 'HART RIDE' IS BENEFITING:

- Orphans who've been evacuated from the war zones & need to be cared for
- Refugee families who've escaped the carnage and bombing in their cities, and now are starting life over again.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

- Go to www.hart.ca for all the information
- Get a team assembled or sponsor a rider
- Call us! **1.888.788.3880**



Ride for Refuge 2015

Join or lead a team and help HART raise funds for refugees in Ukraine!

www.rideforrefuge.org



the displaced.
the vulnerable. the exploited.
many roads, one ride.



✓ MEDICAL

Young men are returning from the war with serious injuries or missing limbs. Their families haven't the resources for the medical help that's required. Please support Christian ministries dedicated to helping with these medical needs.

✓ WHERE'S OUR SA NEEDED

You have the ability to change the world for impoverished children in Eastern Europe. Help them develop healthy minds and bodies while discovering God's love for them by sponsoring with HART. It all starts with YOU.

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Your gifts will allow us to respond practically and effectively to the current needs of our partner Churches and ministries in Eastern Europe.

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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.



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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.