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Humanitarian Aid Response Teams

“HE HAS SHOWN YOU, O MAN,  
WHAT IS GOOD. AND WHAT DOES  
THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

**TO DO JUSTICE,  
LOVE MERCY AND  
WALK HUMBLY**

**WITH YOUR GOD.”**

Micah 6 : 8



# THE Forgotten Refugee Crisis OF 2016



Pensioner living in the basement of a bombed apartment building, without heat, light, water

While the world's attention has been focused on Syria and the refugee crisis it spawned over the past year, there has been woefully little news about the "other" refugee crisis—going on in Ukraine.

Almost **TWO MILLION** people have been displaced by the war in Eastern Ukraine between Pro-Russian separatists and the country of Ukraine.

They've been uprooted from their homes and jobs, forced to flee because of a war in their own backyard, into an uncertain future, with little hope but plenty of heartbreak and despair.

Surprisingly, thousands of people are still living in war zones. They have no

place to go, are without jobs, medical services, and precious little food and supplies for daily living.

Although a cease-fire technically exists between the Ukrainian government and the rebels, it is a fragile one at best.

Tensions are high as skirmishes and shelling continues. Soldiers are dying each day. People's homes and apartments are regularly hit by shelling.

Sadly, all the victims of this tragedy have received very little support or attention from the international media or their own government.

**How is HART involved and HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Through our network of local Church partners around the country, we're able to provide thousands of Ukraine's refugees and those living in war zones with the basic necessities of life— food, clothing, shelter and medicines.

By supporting our **REFUGEE AID FUND**, you are providing HOPE for families overcome by despair and a sense of helplessness. Your generosity will remind them God loves and cares for them.

For **\$25** you can provide a large food hamper to help a family or a lonely old pensioner survive in these difficult times. May God richly bless you.

**Lloyd Cenaiko**  
President

## REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

# Agape House

On June 25<sup>th</sup>, HART had the privilege of participating in the Grand Opening of the AGAPE HOUSE rehabilitation center in the city of Lutsk (Western Ukraine).

This one-of-a-kind facility in Ukraine has a three-fold purpose. 1) It's a rehabilitation center for those with disabilities including veterans from the current war with Russia. 2) It will serve as a training center for those working with the handicapped all over Ukraine. 3) As a Christian-run facility its purpose is to extend God's love to those with disabilities and their families.

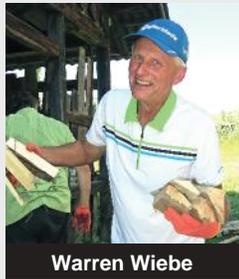
This project was almost exclusively funded by HART supporters in North America. THANKS to all of you who caught the vision of this project and generously supported!!



*"For several years, the Lord has been assisting us in the construction of the Agape Rehabilitation Complex, making the dream of many people with disabilities come true in Ukraine. Thank you for joining us on this path and becoming a great blessing and support. Because of your open and sacrificial hearts this dream has become a reality."* **Sergey Bolchuk** (Director & Founder of Agape House).

# ESL Mission Trip Report

We were a team of eight men that headed for Eastern Europe. Billed as a Father and Son trip—we left with wonderment—and really no idea of what to expect.



Warren Wiebe

Our first week was spent teaching English to about 150 students from all walks of life. We were amazed at how eager the students were to learn—and at how quickly our team bonded with them.

It would be hard to overstate the impact we had on them—and hard to overstate the impact they had on us.

The second week was spend visiting various HART projects and doing good deeds in those projects.

Chopping firewood for elderly Ukrainian grandmothers—feeding Gypsy children in their ghettos were just some of our activities.

It was not so much what we contributed that was so powerful—but what we learned. The young men on our team were profoundly impacted by the need they saw—and impacted by what they learned was the most effective way to meet these needs.

The dads were impacted by the growth they saw in their sons—and in private and personal moments—would admit they were impacted by the growth they saw in their own hearts.

To a man, we were so impressed with the national Ukrainian Christians and pastors.



Our team taking a breather at 94 yr old Julia's home

We were awed by their dedication, tireless effort, and the effectiveness by which they reached their fellow country men. It was powerful for us to see this.

One team member—in summarizing his experience said he felt “washed by the Holy Spirit.”

*There was a strong desire to go back next year...but now is still the time to process the deep things that happened to us in our souls because of this trip.*

**Respectfully, Pastor Warren Wiebe  
Centre Street Church, Calgary**

## TOYS THAT BRING JOY TO KIDS IN WAR ZONES

# From the Calgary Stampede With Love

Many people attending the Calgary Stampede who win stuffed animals elect not to take them home and instead deposit them in bins located on the grounds.



They are taken to HART's office, boxed up, shipped to Ukraine and shared with underprivileged children.



In the past two years many Stampede toys have been sent to HART's Church partners assisting people living near the front lines of the war in Eastern Ukraine, where the shelling goes on almost daily.

One pastor shared a compelling story about his ministry with people in these war zones.

*"They walk around like zombies—even the children. There is no life in their eyes; only shock and fear.*

*As for the adults, when I hug them, pray for them and give them some*

*food products, only then do I see a bit of joy and relief.*

*But the children are even more amazing. When I bless one of them with a soft toy, I witness a miraculous transformation.*

*Their gaunt, weary eyes suddenly exhibit a twinkle—then a slow smile will cross their faces. Even color returns to their cheeks! It is simply miraculous!!*

*Thanks to all the people in Calgary who donate stuffed animals for HART to send to us here in Ukraine!!*



Kids in Ukraine with their new toys

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

## Gift box packing parties!

Throughout the month of October, HART will be hosting **Gift Box packing parties**. If you live in Calgary, you and your whole family (from kids to grandparents) are invited to participate in a fun event helping out underprivileged kids in Eastern Europe.

**WHEN ARE THESE PARTIES HELD?** Oct 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20

**WHAT TO BRING?** Enough items to fill shoe-box sized gifts

**WHO TO BRING?** Your family, friends or life group

**HART WILL PROVIDE?** Gift boxes, stickers, coffee & desserts

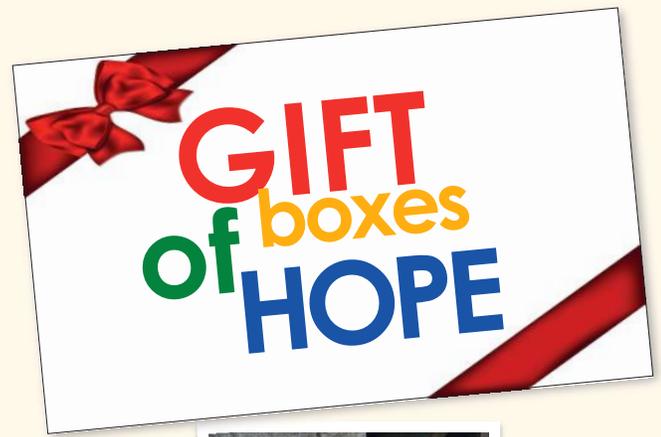
**WHO WILL RECEIVE THE GIFTS?** Children of Ukrainian refugees, kids living in the war zones, children from gypsy villages, orphans and children in our Child Sponsor Program.

**CALGARY LOCATION?** 106, 90 Freeport Blvd, NE

**EDMONTON LOCATION?** Sturgeon Valley Baptist Church - Sept 30

**WHAT TIME DO THE PARTIES BEGIN?** 7:00 pm

**DO I NEED TO RSVP?** **YES!!**



**..to brighten a child's Christmas in Eastern Europe**

For many children in HART'S world, yours will be the only gift they receive this Christmas.

	<b>403.230.8263</b> <b>888.788.3880</b>	<b>TO RSVP FOR MORE INFORMATION</b>
	<b>office@hart.ca</b>	<b>FOR THE GIFT-BOX CHECKLIST FOR DIRECTIONS</b>

## WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

### ■ PRAY

Please pray for the National Christians in Eastern Europe as they practically demonstrate God's love people in their own countries. Pray that God will provide them with the resources they need for their ministries. Also pray that peace will return to Ukraine.

### ■ VOLUNTEER

Help us change the world – with a little bit of your time. There's something for everyone. Please go to our website ([www.hart.ca](http://www.hart.ca)) and check out "Ways to Help." Then contact us at 403.230.8263 or email us: [office@hart.ca](mailto:office@hart.ca). Let us know how you'd like to get involved!



## Ride for Refuge 2016 - Oct 1

The Ride for Refuge is a HART family-friendly cycling fundraiser.

Join or lead a team and help HART raise funds for refugees in Ukraine! **HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?**

- Go to [www.hart.ca](http://www.hart.ca) for all the information (EVENTS)
- Get a team assembled or sponsor a rider
- Call us! **1.888.788.3880**

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



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HART is audited annually by an independent accounting firm and our financial statements are available upon request. Our Board of Directors has established the policy that all contributions designated for a specified project shall be applied to that project, with up to 5 per cent to be used if needed for administering the gifts. Occasionally we receive more contributions for a given project than can be wisely applied to that project. When that happens, we use these funds to meet a similar pressing need.

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