



# humanitarian aid response teams

international relief



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Nuclear power plant in the city of Kuznetsovsk, Ukraine



Pastor Sasha Orsychyn

Dear friends,

“This is the most unique ministry I’ve seen in Ukraine” declared Pastor Pavlo from Lutsk, Ukraine. A representative of Baptist Union in Kyiv commented, “While many Western missions agencies seem to be leaving Ukraine or downsizing, HART is not only surviving, but thriving and growing in its ministry scope and impacting more people today than ever before.”

How does a Western missions agency garner accolades such as the above?

Simply, years of faithfully listening to and providing National ministries with practical resources for the work THEY are carrying on in THEIR own countries.

It’s a common sense, cost effective approach that works so well, it really is tragic how few Western missions agencies have figured this out.

Why not? The following illustration may give you the answer.

I was recently approached by a large USA Missions organization, who proposed that HART partner with them and help promote their new “leadership” material and courses in Ukraine. They wanted to tap into HART’S network of ministries throughout the country.

However, after reviewing their literature and plan, I politely declined but also left them with a challenge:

“Why would your agency choose to go through the incredible expense of translating, publishing, promoting and sending Americans to teach YOUR courses; instead of partnering with an existing Ukrainian ministry already teaching similar courses?”

“For a fraction of the cost to develop your own program, you could instead provide annual financial support for a Ukrainian ministry such as the BTC (Bible Training Centers) which not only has 8,000 students currently enrolled in classes, but is also the most fruitful, leadership-training and church-planting ministry in Ukraine.”

Now it was their turn to politely decline. This didn’t surprise me, because as I see it, one of the fundamental

problems in today’s Missions world is the old-school proprietorship nature that prevails among most agencies.

Instead of partnering with and supporting existing National ministries, their preference is to re-invent the wheel (despite the enormous costs) just to have their ‘brand name’ stamped upon their work.

Clearly, an example of how good stewardship and common sense can be hijacked by Mission “agendas.”

HART’S approach couldn’t be more different. Our strategy has always been to “lose” our identity into the ministries we partner with.

We’re content to work quietly and efficiently in the background providing practical support to over 200 fruitful ministries we’re now partnered with - led by dynamic people such as Vitaley Yevtechenko (see next page) and Sasha Orsychyn (pictured at left).

Sasha is the Pastor of a Baptist Church in Kuznetsovsk, Ukraine; a city of 40,000 people built adjacent a nuclear power plant.

When asked about his ministry’s vision, he explained to me there were 162 apartment building in his city, such as the one he is standing in front of. His goal in the next 5 years is to plant a Bible Study group in each one of these apartment buildings!

When we learned his church needed sound equipment and musical instruments for their services and outreach projects, THANKS to YOU, we were delighted to be able to bless Sasha with the finances he required for these items.

Along with Pastor Sasha, we extend to you our heartfelt thanks for faithfully standing by this “unique” ministry.

Lloyd Cenaiko  
President



HART is an international Relief Aid and Missions organization. We partner with and support Indigenous churches, ministries and leaders involved in Relief Aid and Missions projects in their own countries. Our targeted region is Eastern Europe, in countries such as Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Russia.

## Where your support goes...

### Medical-Dental Projects

- ▷ Medical clinics for the poor
- ▷ Medical supplies for hospitals, prisons, orphanages
- ▷ Aid for young mothers and their newborns
- ▷ Medical-dental relief teams from US/Canada
- ▷ Medical supplies for National missionaries
- ▷ Dental care for orphans, boys prisons, street kids, children from impoverished families
- ▷ Mobil medical - dental clinics

### Relief Aid Projects

- ▷ Child Sponsor Project
- ▷ Orphan Relief Aid projects
- ▷ Children's hospitals
- ▷ 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, children's hospitals and camps
- ▷ 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
- ▷ Military ministries
- ▷ Prison ministries for boys/adults
- ▷ Women's ministries
- ▷ Music, drama ministries
- ▷ Church planting, church construction projects
- ▷ Hearing impaired ministries
- ▷ Correspondence course ministries

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## Vitaley Yevtechenko - Ukraine

This amazing young man has been a HART partner for one year; is 27 years old, married, with two children. Vitaley was ordained at age 24 and felt led to share God's love with poor people living in dozens of villages surrounding his city of Cherkassey (central Ukraine).

Three years later Vitaley and his team are missionaries to 30 villages; planted 5 churches and 22 Bible study groups.

We visited one of these villages and saw how unique and effective his strategy is. His team "invades" a village; fans out and does odd jobs for people, the elderly and the community. It could be practical things such as putting light bulbs in street lamps that had been burnt out for years. In one village we saw a shower facility they built for the residents; who are allowed to shower for free in the only hot water available in this village!

In the evenings they invite people to watch Christian movies, and engage them in discussions about spiritual matters. Vitaley says people today want to "see" the gospel preached, not just hear it.

He supports his family on a meager income derived from chopping firewood for others.

THANKS TO YOU this year we've been able to provide Vitaley with summer camp equipment, transportation expenses for his teams, and personal support for him and his family. Please keep his ministry in your prayers. ■



## GOOD STEWARDSHIP

Last summer a toxic chemical spill occurred close to a camp-site used by one of our camp ministry partners. As a result their choice was either to cancel the camp altogether or find a last minute replacement site.

A school in a little village of 400 people at the base of the Carpathian mountains was chosen as the new site. Desks were moved aside to make way for camp cots, and the rest of the school's facilities were made available to the campers.

It proved to be a terrific location for a camp. The only downside was the terrible condition of the washrooms and showers; and the lack of hot water in the kitchen.

This spring HART made an agreement with the regional Educational authorities. In exchange for

\$1,500 worth of renovations to the washrooms & kitchen, it was agreed they would not charge any rental fee for one of this year's camps.

However, the authorities were so pleased with this arrangement; the integrity of the HART staff and the camp ministries involved; that they allowed us to hold 4 camps at the school this summer AT NO COST. Literally, saving us thousands of dollars on rental fees we would normally pay.

We plan to continue doing minor renovations to the school so that next summer we can again send hundreds of children to this school camp-site at extremely reasonable rates.

This illustrates of how HART is consistently being practical and effective with the support YOU bless us with. ■