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Humanitarian Aid Response Teams (HART)

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changing the world...one heart at a time



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Overview:

HART is an international relief aid and missions organization that partners with and supports national churches, ministries and leaders involved in Relief Aid & Missions projects in their own countries. Our targeted region are countries in Eastern Europe, such as Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Russia.

hart projects in eastern europe...

Medical-Dental Projects

- Medical clinics for the poor
Medical supplies for hospitals, prisons
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
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, 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
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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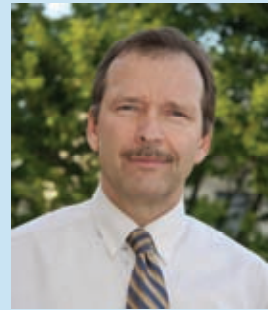
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At HART, we respect your choice regarding how often you would like to receive our updates. If you would like to customize your mailings, please call us at 403.230.8263. HART is audited annually by an independent accounting firm, and our financial statements are available upon request. 100% of all contributions designated for specific projects will be applied to those projects. When we receive more contributions for a given project than can wisely be applied to that project, we use these funds to meet a similar pressing need.

Stories of Hope



Dear friends, the other day I heard my six year old son quote Spiderman... "along with great power...comes great responsibility."

Well, being a North American Christian, the reality of our society's vast wealth and power presents us with an enormous "responsibility." You see, throughout the Scriptures God's people are commanded to show compassion to the poor. In fact, doing so is simply part of our job description as followers of Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:31-46).

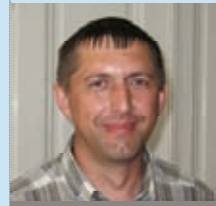
It isn't that we need to feel guilty about our wealth. But because of our blessed position I think we not only need be cognizant of the inequity and injustice in this world but yearn and strive to do something about it.

I believe this best describes the vast majority of those who support HART. That is why the following pages include stories YOU had a hand in writing. I say "you" because these stories are the end result of people like you who indeed yearn and strive to make a difference; who through your prayers and sacrificial giving allow us to support fruitful National ministries half-way around the world.

Some of our partners are large ministries, but most are like Andriy, who I met with just a couple of days ago.

This young man quietly and effectively goes about his ministry, impacting those in his small community in Western Ukraine.

He supports his family with a meager salary from a job; but his passion and



Andriy

dedication to youth have him leading Awanas clubs for children, sports clubs for young people and summer camp programs. Andriy also

has over 600 young people taking Bible correspondence courses he organizes!

Thanks for taking Spiderman seriously... but more importantly the Scriptures! Your giving will always be used wisely and WILL make a difference! Our sincere thanks for working together with us to change this world...one heart at a time.

Lloyd Cenaiko President



Muslim Ministry update

Last fall we told you about our partnership with an indigenous missionary (Andrew) whose ministry focus is the Muslim Tatar people living in Crimea. In less than one year Andrew already has 30-40 people attending his church. In addition, he's established bible study groups in a half dozen locations surrounding the capital city of Simferopol!



How can WE help Andrew?

- 1. Church facility: Andrew's church is currently gathering for worship services in an apartment. They need a larger facility like a theatre or school gym. The rental cost for this would be \$200-500 per month.
2. Vehicle: A ministry vehicle is needed for Andrew and his team. It would be a

huge help to their ministries in the outlying areas around the city of Simferopol. A reasonable price for a good used vehicle could be \$5-10,000.

A one-time gift of any amount would be a huge blessing for Andrew and his ministry. A monthly pledge would also be a welcomed.

(100% of your support will get to Andrew!)

Changed lives...thanks to you!

Saved from human trafficking Natalya's story

Dear brothers and sisters from abroad. My name is Natalya and I am 13 years old.

I want to tell you story of my life. For four years now I live without my mother. I was raised by my grandmother. A few months ago she died. It was a difficult life. She loved to drink alcohol.

Very often I had no food for couple days in a row. I didn't have necessary school supplies and clothes.



The house where we used to live is hard to call a house. There are barns in our village that are nicer looking than our house.

The roof was leaking. Each time when it rained we had a lot of water inside. **There were mice and rats living with us.** My aunt also lived with us. She also loved to drink alcohol.

One day a lady, who lives not far from our house invited me to attend their church. There I was given clothes, food and necessary things for school! (**Street Kids Ministry**).

Last summer I was told I had to go to state orphanage. But I am very grateful to God that one lady from the church decided to foster me instead and I now live with her.

But I have one brother, who is six years old. He doesn't have any place to live. There are many kids like that in our village. There are many kids even thou they have parents, but they do not care about them. They care more about alcohol than their own children.

It would be very nice to have special foster home by the church fixed up and all these children would feel love and care of Christian people from our village.

May God Bless you for your kindness. With Love, Natalya

Thanks to HART supporters we have been assisting this church and its Street Kids ministry in Western Ukraine. This ministry is designed to provide assistance to 'at-risk' children like Natasha, who along with thousands of other young girls in similar situations would no doubt be trafficked and sold into the sex trade.

Financial needs for this Ministry:

- Purchasing food (they serve meals to 40-50 kids per day)
- Clothing and school supplies for the children
- Renovations to the foster home Natalya refers to in her letter



Prison Ministry Story (New Life Church, Lviv) Tale of two criminals

Childhood friends Volodya and Zenick grew up together in a town near the city of Lviv, Ukraine. Like many other young men they knew, they chose a criminal gang 'career' path.

Then for the first time in their lives, they were separated. Both were drafted into Ukraine's army; Volodya was sent to Litvenia and Zenick to Afghanistan.

When his tour of duty was up Volodya went back to his criminal life and subsequently earned three prison terms before becoming a believer while in a maximum security prison.

Zenick on the other hand, found a job working in a Prison Hospital. Because of his combat experience in Afghanistan he was assigned to guard death row prisoners.

When Volodya was released from prison he became involved with his church's Prison ministry, accompanying them to many prisons including a Prison Hospital. From time to time the ministry team was allowed to visit those on death row, and Volodya would present Bibles to them.

One night during Zenick's shift in this same Prison Hospital, several prisoners were asking him to pass a Bible from one cell to another. Zenick was curious about what they were so anxiously reading. He found an extra Bible and began to read it during his night shifts. Eventually Jesus touched his heart and one night in a long, dark prison hallway he fell down to his knees, crying and praying, sincerely asking God for forgiveness.

Soon afterwards the two friends met for the first time in many years. Zenick told his amazing story to Volodya, not knowing that the Bible he read was brought by him. Today, Zenick continues to work in the Prison Hospital where he is also a librarian giving him a great opportunity to share Christian books and the Gospel message with prisoners.

Volodya baptizing an inmate at a Ukrainian prison



Thanks to your faithful support HART is partnered with several Prison Ministries in Ukraine including Volodya's mentioned in the story above. HART provides financial support for the ministries and material support for the prisons. Once inmates are released many of our partnerships provide employment and education for them.

Child Sponsor Project Story

Nothing is in vain when done in the name of God

By Luba Boyechko, director of HART'S Child Sponsor Project - Ukraine

We believe that every family taken into the CSP (Child Sponsor Project) is not accidental. God has a plan for these people and wants to shine the light of his truth and mercy in their lives. But sometimes the results come forth much later than expected.

When the case-workers first visited the family of Katya Mychka they found a 37-year-old woman destroyed by the influence of alcohol lying on the floor of her apartment. Two little kids were running around the house and crying. They hadn't eaten in two days. There wasn't even a slice of bread in the home. The house was damp and dark because the water, gas and electricity had been cut off.

Thanks to HART'S CSP, in partnership with a local church, we were able to start ministering to this family. The children received food; HART'S case-workers and the church family started helping Katya with the utilities and everything else they could.

Tragically, the mother had no official documents for the children, not even birth certificates. This prevented the children from getting state medical care. However, one of HART'S medical clinics is located in this church, so the family was also provided with medical assistance.

Katya even started attending church and bringing the children with her. But she wouldn't give up drinking. It was very frustrating for the church members. Katya would come to church meetings, agree with the words of counseling but then she would go back to her old life and get drunk again. Sometimes during her drinking bouts, she would leave her

kids alone at home for days. It seemed that there was no improvement on Katya's part and all the efforts seemed to be vain.

But nothing is in vain which is done in the name of God. He was apparently working in this mother's heart and when the right time came the result was obvious for all to see.

In recent times Katya started changing. She expressed a desire to attend Bible study groups; and stopped drinking and smoking. To crown it all, she eventually accepted Jesus on one recent Sunday church meeting. Her behavior changed; she doesn't shout at her kids or use bad words any more.

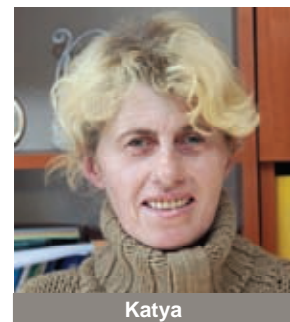
In difficult situations she encourages them to put their trust in God. She also is trying to make up for all the lost opportunities and is taking good care of her kids. She pays special attention to her younger daughter who is diagnosed with autism.

Today, Katya is facing more challenges. She is about to have serious cancer surgery.

Her new found trust in God was especially expressed before she was taken to the hospital: "I don't have to worry or be afraid now because I know that my home is in heaven."



Luba Boyechko



Katya

Child Sponsor Project

Can you truly impact a life through Child Sponsorship?

[letter from a child leaving the sponsorship program]

Dear sponsor, I am so sorry it's time for us to part. But I will always remember you because thanks to you I've learnt to love God, to understand other people and help my friends.

Auntie Mariya [HART case-worker] who was conducting Bible studies always tried to explain to us that Christ had suffered for us and that He loves us. I am thankful to her for helping me understand how important it is.

But for this project, I wouldn't probably know how great God's love is. So, please, accept my sincere gratitude. Most of all I liked summer camps which I will never forget. Unfortunately, I will not go there again.

Because my father got married, we have to move to another region. My brother and I understand that he can't be alone all his life. So, once more I want to say: thank you.

Please, pray for me, so that I could grow spiritually and let Jesus live in my heart.

With love, Maryana Sydor



A little child like this needs a sponsor today