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Humanitarian Aid Response Teams (HART)

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changing the world...one heart at a time

Stretching YOUR missions dollars

Dear friends, Each summer I spend 3-4 months in Eastern Europe, meeting and evaluating many of our 200+ partnerships with National ministries, pastors and churches.

It is a privilege and honor to spend time with these talented and inspiring people whom we have invested your funds with.

Holding them accountable for the support you so generously give is critical to this whole process.

One of the other highlights of the summer for me is guiding teams from Canada & USA on 'Vision' or 'Awareness' trips.

Here they're given the opportunity to see the work God is accomplishing through HART and its partnerships with local ministries.

Invariably team members return home with an entirely different view of missions.

Firstly, they have a completely new appreciation for National Ministries and Pastors.

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Secondly, they clearly understand HART's strategy of equipping and empowering Nationals instead of sending North American missionaries.

Once exposed to effective National ministries it becomes obvious that supporting them, is the most practical, cost-effective and fruitful way to do missions in the world today!

In these difficult economic times, the words 'practical, cost-effective, and fruitful' are critically important to people like you who desire to be good stewards of your finances.

We know donors are asking...
"How can I ensure my donations go as far as possible? Are my funds being used wisely? Am I really making a difference?"

HART is a unique organization with an exceptional funding policy in response to questions like these. 100% of your funds will go to the ministries you support!

Whether it's supporting summer camps, a prison or orphanage ministry, a National Pastor or a church...100% of your funds will get to where you've designated them.



Can you find a better investment than this? HART STRETCHES every dollar, invests them wisely, resulting in the greatest possible impact.

Our grateful thanks to you for working together with us to change this world...one heart at a time.

Sincerely,
Lloyd Cenaiko
President - HART, lloyd@hart.ca

Persecution of Christians Muslim Ministry story

For the past two summers I've had the privilege of meeting and visiting with young Christian leaders from several "STAN" countries such as Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. HART is supporting them by subsidizing their theological education/training.

The stories we're hearing of what God is doing in these countries, despite the ever-present persecution, is something right out of the book Acts.

One young man told us of his father who in 1989 was the very first believer in his country and today the church is over 70,000 believers strong, despite the overt persecution of Christians.

Another young man also told us an incredible story about a Christian who was thrown into prison because of his faith.

In many Muslim countries it would not be politically prudent to torture, injure or kill a Christian openly. The optics aren't particularly good to the press from the West. So when it comes to punishing

Christians, one of the most effective means is to incarcerate them. Putting them in jail cells with Muslim extremists ensures they will be beaten and probably

"You want to stay in jail?" the guards asked.

severely injured by their jail mates.

So, this Christian found himself in a jail cell with seven Muslims. This was clearly a dangerous situation.

However, in his first day behind bars one of the Muslim men became violently ill, a doctor was summoned, examined the



man and said he would soon die. The Christian asked if he could pray for the man and was given permission by the others.

To the amazement of all, the Muslim man was healed, and by the end of the week-long sentence four of the Muslims had converted to Christianity!

The Christian then pleaded with his guards to allow him to stay in jail for an additional two more weeks. They were incredulous..."You must be crazy...you want to stay in jail?" The guards refused.

He then tried to negotiate permission to stay for only one extra week. However, the guards realized what had been happening in the jail cell, and were afraid he'd convert the rest of the Muslim men. They refused his request and quickly removed him from the prison!

How can you get involved?

- 1) Pray for the Christians living in the "STAN" countries.
- 2) Assist us financially in providing Theological education for the young Christian leaders from these countries. ■ LC

YOU are making a difference!

Summer Camps in Eastern Europe Thanks!!

Our sincere thanks to all of you who supported our summer camp programs this year. Close to **5,000 kids in Ukraine and Moldova** were able to attend summer camps thanks to YOU!! Orphans, children with handicaps, street kids, gypsy kids, children from under-privileged families...all say **THANK YOU!** ...for the incredible gift of being able to experience a summer camp.



Gypsy kids



Camps for those with special needs



Adoption story Instant family

We heard this young couple's story through one of our partner churches in Western Ukraine.

Apparently, they became pregnant with their first child as they were beginning the adoption process of a little boy (pictured in the green and white shirt below).

Within weeks of the birth of their own son, they were given permission to adopt this boy. They were overjoyed to now have two children.

However, the authorities gave them one condition before approving this adoption. They had located two other siblings of the little boy and insisted the family adopt them as well.

So, in the space of a couple of months this young couple went from zero kids to four!

HART supports Christian families like this one who adopt orphans. As you can see from the below picture...**thanks to YOU**...we were able to bless them with not only finances but a much needed washing machine.

How can you get involved?

- 1) **Pray** for Christian families that take the bold step of adoption despite the economic uncertainty associated with living in a country like Ukraine.
- 2) **Support** a family for \$50-100 per month for one year.



Prison Ministry Story Born in jail twice!

Prison #30 in Lviv, Ukraine is an intimidating place. During WWII the Nazi's exterminated 200,000 Jews behind its grey walls.

It is a prison that produced riots two years ago by inmates who were protesting their terrible living conditions. Several had actually nailed their feet to the wooden floors as part of the protest.



Although I'd been in Prison #30 many times with ministry teams, my visit this summer was special since I was able to witness a Baptismal service for the first time. It was a joyful time for all of us, including several Christian inmates who were also allowed to attend.

One of these fellows approached us after the Baptism to visit and share his testimony. His opening statement grabbed our attention.

With a grin from ear to ear he stated, "I was born twice in prison!" He seemed to enjoy the puzzled looks on our faces and then continued his story...

"My mother was pregnant and delivered me while she was in prison. And about two years ago I became a Christian here at Prison #30. This was my second birth!"

How can you get involved?

- 1) **Pray** for the dedicated ministries going into prisons all over Eastern Europe to share God's love.
- 2) **Project support:** one of our partner Prison Ministries in Lviv, Ukraine, needs audio-visual equipment for the prison they visit weekly. A gift of any amount would be a huge help. ■ LC

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**

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

Relief Aid Projects

- o Child Sponsor Project
- o Orphan Relief Aid projects
- o Human Trafficking prevention projects
- o Relief Aid for seniors
- o Soup Kitchens for children and adults
- o Humanitarian Aid centers
- o Aid for children in prison
- o Drug & alcohol rehabilitation centers
- o Playground apparatus for orphanages, children's hospitals and camps
- o Micro loans for small business initiatives
- o Vocational training for orphans, prisoners, women, at-risk youth

Missions Projects

- o Training and education for National leaders
- o Financial support for Indigenous pastors
- o Financial support for Indigenous ministries
- o Discipleship ministries
- o Translation of Christian material
- o Children, youth, sports ministries
- o Summer Camp ministries
- o Prison ministries for boys/adults
- o Women's ministries
- o Music, drama ministries
- o Church planting support
- o Church construction projects
- o Hearing-impaired ministries
- o Correspondence course ministries

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Child Sponsor Project**You can make a difference in a child's life**

Sponsor a child today! Your support will give a child at risk a second chance...with nutritious food, medical assistance, school supplies and experiencing God's love through HART's case-workers, children's clubs and summer camps. YOU can change a life...starting TODAY!



**Marusia
(Mariya)**

Caseworker notes:

- Marusia and her sister live with their grandmother in an old one-room house that is falling apart.
- They have no running water or bathroom indoors.
- The girl's mother left the family for another man. The father remarried and has children with his new wife. He can't support these girls because he is unemployed.
- The grandmother has to provide for the kids out of her pension (\$80/mo). She tries to earn some extra money but it is so difficult.
- Mariya is a smart and sincere girl. She has many friends in kindergarten. She likes cleaning in the house and singing.
- She has a good memory and memorizes Christian poems very well.

Letter from the Grandmother: "Greetings. I take care of my two grand daughters. I am a pensioner with a small pension. Our one-room building is poor condition. We heat the house with firewood. Mariya is a good and obedient girl. She likes to draw. Even though she is a little girl, she is my big helper. She can wash dishes and clean the house. I am taking my grandchildren to the Christian Club. I want them to be obedient and good children. Thank you very much that you have a desire to sponsor and help Mariya and our family. May God bless you richly for that."



**Kateryna
(Katia)**

Caseworker notes:

- Kateryna's father is an alcoholic. When he started beating the mother and children, they moved to a house which they now rent.
- The father is unemployed and doesn't support the family at all.
- The house is in terrible shape, dirt floors, small rooms, no bathroom. But the kids prefer to live here than with their abusive father.
- This family is very poor and has had so many difficulties.
- The Pastor of a local church invites her to Sunday School.
- The children are hard-working, honest and active.
- Because of her father's abuse, Kateryna tends to be a very nervous girl.
- Her school progress is not very good. She prefers working around the house and looking after her siblings.
- She eagerly attends the church's children's club.

Letter from Katia: "I am 11years old. I live in Ukraine in the town of Dubno. There are six kids in our family. We live without father, he abandoned us, but we don't feel sorry, because he was beating mother and us. My favorite subjects at school are music and gym. Me and sister Ira and brother we attend Christian club for kids. I feel sorry for our mother, she is sick and it is very difficult for her to raise us. Dear sponsor, thank you for your desire to help me and our family. Your help is really important for us."

If you would like to sponsor Mariya, Katia or other children like them, please contact our office for details: 403.230.8263 office@hart.ca

Please use my gift to support the following...

1	Theological education for pastors from Muslim countries	\$	
2	Support for Ukrainian families who adopt orphans	\$	
3	Prison ministry support: audio-visual project	\$	
4	Medical-Dental Aid projects	\$	
5	Humanitarian Aid projects	\$	
6	Missions projects	\$	
7	Where it is most needed	\$	

TOTAL

\$

Please contact me regarding sponsoring a Child

Please contact me regarding sponsoring a National Pastor