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Humanitarian Aid Response Teams (HART)

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changing the world...one heart at a time



LOVE WORKS

- This world is broken and filled with people who hurt
- God put you and me here to make this world a better place

Dear friends,

Her drug-addicted mother abandons six year old Halya and her two year old brother for weeks at a time.

Their home is a makeshift tent Halya has constructed out of cardboard and branches she found in the forest. Which is where they live.

Halya's mother has given her instructions on how to get food... 'either beg or steal from merchants at a nearby produce market.'

Imagine a six year old charged with the responsibility

of keeping herself and her younger sibling alive without any adult assistance. My own daughter is six. To me this situation is unimaginable.

Ira was five years old when she was sold by her mother to a gypsy baron for several cases of vodka. For years she was forced to beg for her owner and by the age of ten was raped by him and subsequently, on a regular basis, by his sons. She attempted to escape once, but was caught and beaten senseless.

Ninety percent of all child

pornography finds it origins in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus. Against their will, children are pulled out of orphanages and used in porn movies.

I suspect if we were honest with ourselves we'd ask the question, 'Does God see the tears of sorrow and despair streaming down the cheeks of children like Ira and Halya? Does God see the injustice done to innocent children around the world?'

Fifteen years of ministry in third world countries has led me to conclude several things.

Firstly, this world is truly broken and filled with people who hurt. Its filled with places of hell on earth.

But I'm also convinced that "God loves justice" and wants to use His people to "seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan and plead for the widow." (Isaiah 1:17)

In other words...YOU and I are part of God's plan for ending injustice in the world.

When Jesus left, He asked that you and I make this world a little bit more beautiful, to share a little bit more of His love and to take a little bit of heaven to places of hell on earth.

Did God hear the cries of Halya and Ira? Yes. Both of these children were saved by the Father's House, (a HART



Each year, nearly 2 million children are exploited in the global commercial sex trade. (UNICEF)

partner in Kyiv, Ukraine) a ministry dedicated to rescuing street kids and abandoned children.

Halya was adopted to a Christian family in Germany, her brother to a family in Georgia. Within a year the family in Georgia decided to immigrate to Germany and through circumstances only God can orchestrate, the two siblings were reunited through a 'chance' meeting of the parents!

Ira, today is happily married and the mother of two children.

But for the involvement of Christians who care, both of these stories may have ended tragically different.

God has compassion for those who suffer injustice. He hears their cries. He sees the tears of every child who is being abused right now even as you are reading these words.

Our grateful thanks to YOU for working alongside HART as we respond to the issues of poverty, injustice and oppression in our world.

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Human Trafficking is the slave trade of the 21st century.

It pits the weakest and most vulnerable against the powerful and ruthless who profit from devastating human suffering.

Today, 27 million men, women and children are held as slaves.

It is the fastest growing organized criminal activity in the world today.

ПРАВДА ПРО ТОРГІВЛЮ ЛЮДЬМИ



New HART partner in Moldova

BEGINNING OF LIFE

Director: Vladimir Ubeivoc

Location: Chisinau, Moldova

Overview:

BEGINNING OF LIFE is a Christian agency whose focus is on the prevention of social problems in society, especially among the youth...and the rehabilitation of those who are damaged physically, emotionally and spiritually because of their horrific life experiences.

BEGINNING OF LIFE...began its activities in 2000, working with single pregnant women who wanted to abort their babies. In 2006 they initiated programs such as prevention of human trafficking and support for HIV positive women. A program supporting victims of domestic violence began in 2008. Beginning of Life established a rehabilitation and reintegration center for victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation in January 2009.



Moldova

Sandwiched between Romania and Ukraine, Moldova emerged as an independent republic following the collapse of the USSR in 1991.

Suffering from exactly the same corruption and cronyism that also plagues Ukraine, Moldova is considered the poorest country in Europe with a large foreign debt and high unemployment.

It is estimated that about a third of Moldova's 4.5 million people (50% of its labour force) have left to work abroad, most of them illegally. But more than half of the migrants to Europe are women, who are often forced to leave their children behind.

Because of emigration, 100,000 children across Moldova (30% of all children) are growing up without one parent, or even both. They are considered "social" orphans.

Since the government has no political will to educate or protect them, the only alternative is to leave the country at any price. Many are drawn into the sex trade simply by trying to escape a country without a future.



Anti-trafficking program

- Raising awareness in churches, schools and government
- Center (safe house) for rehabilitation and reintegration of the victims of human trafficking
- Support, education and counseling for high risk girls from volatile family environments



Support for women

- Counseling and support for victims of domestic violence
- Abortion counseling and prevention
- Single mothers: material, financial and counseling support for young girls who elect not to abort their babies



Prevention programs in public schools

- Ministry to high school students: lectures on alcohol and drugs, human trafficking, HIV/AIDS, sexual immorality, abortions
- Educating teachers and parents
- Publishing a youth magazine intended to create a positive, Christian worldview in young people of Eastern Europe

Field Note

On one of our frequent road trips to visit HART partners this summer, we travelled to Chisinau, the capital of Moldova, where we had the privilege of examining Beginning of Life's ministry. Our team came away very impressed with the leadership, breadth and vision of this ministry. We consider this to be one of the premier ministries of its kind in Eastern Europe.

HART is excited about this new partnership, especially because of our opportunity to assist this ministry's expansion into Ukraine, Belarus and Russia. Please keep 'Beginning of Life' in prayer and consider supporting this amazing ministry. LC

OVERVIEW:

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

OUR PROJECTS:

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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How can I get involved?

PRAY ▶

- Please pray for the victims of human trafficking. Pray that God would open up a door for escape, that would allow young girls and mothers to be reunited with their families.
- Please pray for the children in orphanages, on the streets and those living in poverty... that are most vulnerable to abuse, exploitation or trafficking.
- Please pray for Christians who are going into places of hell to bring the light of heaven... who are focused on bringing justice to those who need it most.
- Become a 'Prayer Partner'. Prayer plays a vital role in HART's work, as the vehicle through which our staff and National Partners draw courage, seek guidance and give thanks. Prayer partners stand alongside HART by committing to support our vision and our work in prayer. Sign up via email (prayer@hart.ca) and you will receive ministry reports/prayer requests, as well as notification when urgent prayer needs arise.

SUPPORT ▶

- Please support fruitful ministries like Beginning of Life, dedicated to reaching young people in Eastern Europe; liberating and salvaging broken lives of trafficking victims
- Support HART partner ministries focused on street kids, orphans and desperately poor families. These children are at the highest risk for trafficking and exploitation.

THINK LOCALLY & GLOBALLY ▶

- Study and become familiar with the issues of injustice, poverty & oppression in the world today. Learn how you can raise awareness of these issues among your friends.
- Volunteer with front-line local ministries in your community such as Pregnancy Care centers, or Ministries working with the homeless, street kids, or prostitutes.
- Eat out at ethnic restaurants.
- Sponsor a child and get to know him/her and their family (contact HART).
- Sponsor a National pastor/ministry and get to know them thru email and reports (contact HART).
- Study a new language and then go on a short term missions trip where you can use it.
- Begin each morning asking, "God, in what way do You want me to change this world for You today?" And live that way. Walk through every open door He gives you.
- Value each day. Every day is a gift from God, given to you as an opportunity to serve the world, love people, and influence those around you.



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