

# Ukraine, Nikopol

## Urban Development Project Summary

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## Greendale Mennonite Church & Simple Churches

### Present Realities:

The Dnipropetrovs'k (region/state) of Ukraine has a population of 3.5 million people. The region is located east of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev in the central part of the country. Ukrainians have been greatly affected since the fall of the communist system in 1991. The country has gone through political turmoil since its independence from Russia and recently elected Viktor Yanukovych, who is pro Russia, as their President. As a result of the political turmoil Ukraine has been unable to receive funds from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that would assist in the countries economic recovery.

Due to war and the life expectancy of male (62.3) to female (74.5), Ukraine has many widows who struggle to survive on a day to day basis. Inflation increases and small pensions have added to the current difficulties these widows face.

High unemployment rates, poverty, lack of social programs, alcoholism, prostitution and poor medical care leading to early death have additionally contributed to Ukraine's orphan problems. The government provides institutionalized orphanages with only the very basic necessities. Once an orphan becomes part of the government system there is little to no chance (10%) of having a successful life once leaving the orphanage. Orphans are kept in state care until they reach the age of 16 when they are sent to live on the street without being provided with the necessary skills to live independently.

One in three Ukrainian men consumes alcohol heavily. There is little to no social assistance for alcoholics so the need to assist individuals in rehabilitation is increasing.

### Plan of Action:

To combine a team consisting of individuals from Simple Churches and First Greendale Mennonite Church to construct a rehabilitation home with 6 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, 1 kitchen, and 1 common area for men who struggle with alcohol and drug addictions. The team will also be providing much needed compassion and care to orphans and widows through visitations and banquets, where they will have the opportunity to provide a month's supply of food to widows. Additional funds will be raised to repair the Priazovje Orphanage roof which has begun to leak from the heavy rains.

### Projected Costs:

POTENTIAL ACTIVITY	FUNDS REQUIRED	PEOPLE AFFECTED
Rehabilitation Home	\$20,000 CAD	8
Orphan & Widow Care	\$10,000 CAD	650
Priazovje Orphanage Roof Repair	\$5,000 CAD	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,000 CAD</b>	<b>Avg. 650 people</b>

### Project Benefits:

One issue which is causing many of Ukraine's social problems will be addressed at the grass roots level in addition to some immediate needs will be met. This is all done in and through partnership with the local Baptist Church.

The staff of Hungry for Life, under the leadership of the Board of Directors, are responsible for the project.



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