

Ukraine - Dnipropetrovs'k Widow & Orphan Care, Summer 2005



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.

This region was especially hard hit by the collapse of the Soviet Union. Many of the heavy industries and factories found themselves ill equipped to compete in a world economy. The huge state run farms and factories have failed to produce as equipment and technology have fallen into serious disrepair.

Crops go unharvested and yields continue to decline due to poor soil management and lack of equipment, in affect causing many Ukrainian people to plunge into poverty.

Ukrainians have been greatly affected since gaining their freedom in 1991. Under the communist system workers were provided a pension when retired but now that the communism collapsed so did the people's pension. This has caused children whose families are unable to provide for them to be abandoned, and forced the elderly into the streets to beg for food and money.

Plan of Action:

The plan is to build upon the groundwork made by last years team, facilitating a short term mission's team to assist widows, poor families, and orphans by providing medical supplies, clothing, and food to 300 people in the Dnipropetrovs'k region. The team will be visiting small villages and orphanages to invest some hope into their lives by providing them with some of the essentials for life.

Providing heat for the homes of 30 widows.

- Purchasing food supplies to put together 300 food boxes containing sugar, flour, macaroni, rice, and cooking oil which will feed one person for 2 months (approx. \$20 per person.)
- Purchasing prescription drugs for 150 people who have been examined by a local Christian doctor. This in turn will be distributed by the local doctor (approx. \$5 per person.)
- Providing 4 feeding programs in three different locations in which the 300 food boxes will be distributed after the meal. (approx. \$2 per person)
- Shipping and distributing clothing.

Positive Benefits:

We will demonstrate and communicate the love of the Father to the orphaned and widowed by providing for their basic needs. We will be improving the health and general wellbeing of the neglected widows, and children by providing them with food, clothing, and compassionate care. As well, to encouraging local Christians in the area by sharing Christ's love for them through the simple but affective act of fellowship.

Projected Costs:

Project Components	Funds Required	People Affected
Widow Assistance Fund	2,000	30
Food Boxes	6,000	300
Medical Health Care	750	150
Feeding Plan	600	300
Clothing	1,100	600
Total	\$10,450 CDN	600 avg.

Persons Responsible for the Project:

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

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