

Present Realities:

The Dnipropetrovs'k (region/state) of Ukraine has a population of 3.5 million people. This 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. Many children whose families are unable to provide for them are abandoned and the elderly have been forced into the streets to beg for food and money. Ukraine's orphans have also suffered since the fall of communism. Only 10% are successfully able to live independently after being released from the orphanage at the age of 16. The majority of Ukrainian people live within village areas and grow their own gardens, which are their primary source of food. Due to the extreme heat during the summer of 2007, many crops were burned and provided most people with little or nothing to harvest. In addition to yielding poor crops, the cost of food at the market has risen due to supply shortages and political instability.

Plan of Action:

To begin a 5 year urban development plan by engaging individuals from Simple Churches, caring for widows and orphans in the Ukraine. The first year will include caring for orphans and widows by;

- > Purchasing and assembling supplies for food hampers (sugar, flour, macaroni, rice, and cooking oil—each hamper will feed 1 person for 1 month)
- > Purchasing and assembling supplies for hygiene hampers (detergent, shampoo, soap, toothbrush, and toothpaste)
- > Providing food banquets for widows and poor families
- > Providing medical care in the form of prescription medication and financial assistance for medical treatment.
- > Paying the hydro bills for widows (Widow Assistance Fund)
- > Providing 6 Deacon's a stipend for 6 months enabling them to travel to and from remote villages
- > Shipping and distributing clothing
- > Shipping costs for a small tractor to be used at an orphanage
- > Providing finances for two 7-day youth summer camp in 2008 and 2009
- > Installing a water well on Chkalovo Church property
- > Children's hampers (banana, apple, crackers, toothpaste, toothbrush, and candy)
- > Distribute food hampers for employees at Marinopol Mental Institute and provide snacks / clothing for patients
- > Contributing towards Vozrozhdeniye Church Renovation.
- > The church (27), under John Bokoch, has an average of 10 people per year excommunicated due to marital unfaithfulness. A 2-day marriage conference would be a great benefit for the church. (60-80 people)
- > Installing a gas line in a widows apartment that has no source of heat
- > Providing funds to purchase and renovate building into a gymnasium for 37 children at the Priazovje Orphanage
- > Purchasing a used vehicle to enable 1 pastor to commute to and from rural villages to do home visitations, taking people to hospital, etc.
- > Yard renovations for Potilivka Church which includes and new outhouse and paving around Church building

Positive Benefits:

We will demonstrate and communicate the love of the Father by developing a long-term relationship between Simple Churches in Vancouver and the Baptist Church in Nikopol. By coming alongside the Nikopol Baptist Church, Simple Churches hopes to improve and maintain the quality of life for the orphaned and widowed by providing for their basic needs.

Projected Costs:

PROJECT COMPONENTS	FUNDS REQUIRED (CAD)	PEOPLE AFFECTED
Food Hampers	\$1,200	150
Hygiene Hampers	\$900	150
Banquets / Dinners	\$450	150
Medical Care	\$1,500	60
Widow Assistance Fund	\$5,500	70
Deacons Fund	\$4,100	6
Shipping (Clothing)	\$2,250	48 boxes
Shipping Tractor	\$2,750	37
Summer Camps	\$1,400	35
Water Well (Chkalovo)	\$300	25+
Gifts for Children	\$100	50
Marinopol Mental Institute	\$510	50
Vozrozhdeniye Church Renovations	\$500	120
Marriage Conference	\$1,000	80
Discretionary Fund	\$2,000	-
Gas Line for 1 Widow	\$2,000	1
Priazovje Orphanage Gymnasium	\$8,300	37
Vehicle for Pastor	\$1,000	1
Potilivka Church Yard Improvements	\$1,000	10
Project Expenses	\$1,000	-
Total	\$37,760 CAD	300 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.