

## Present Realities:

The Dnipropetrovsk (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. 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 been greatly affected, which has resulted in only 10% making it on their own in society when released from orphanages 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 little to nothing at harvest time. 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 work alongside the Central Nikopol Baptist Church, Greendale Mennonite Church will be caring for widows and orphans in the Ukraine by:

- > Purchasing food for hampers (sugar, flour, macaroni, rice and cooking oil—each will feed 1 person for 1 month)
- > Providing food banquets for widows and poor families
- > Purchasing hygiene supplies for hampers (detergent, shampoo, soap, toothbrush, and toothpaste)
- > Providing financial assistance to widows to pay hydro bills (Widow Assistance Fund)
- > Providing medical care in the form of prescription medication and medical treatment
- > Shipping and distributing clothing

Priazovje Orphanage:

- > Provide funds to repair 20 windows for the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> level of orphanage (Children's rooms)
- > Providing general maintenance at orphanage
- > Assist workers in doing a "spring cleaning" of orphanage
- > Doing activities with the orphan children

## Projected Costs:

PROJECT COMPONENTS	FUNDS REQUIRED (CAD)	PEOPLE AFFECTED
Food Hampers	\$4,000	400
Hygiene Hampers	\$3,200	400
Banquets / Dinners	\$1,440	400
Medical Care	\$1,600	45
Widow Assistance Fund	\$1,950	30
Shipping (Clothing)	\$1,510	22 boxes
Priazovje Orphanage Windows	\$12,350	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,000 CAD</b>	<b>400 avg.</b>

## Positive Benefits:

We will demonstrate and communicate the love of the Father by developing a long term relationship between Greendale G.C. and the Baptist Church in Nikopol. Coming alongside the Nikopol Baptist Church to improve and maintain the quality of life for the orphaned and widowed by providing for their basic needs.

## 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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