

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 area 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 global economy. The huge state run farms and factories have failed to produce as equipment and technology have fallen into serious disrepair. High unemployment rates, poverty, lack of social programs, alcoholism, prostitution and poor medical care leading to early death have all contributed to Ukraine's orphan problems.

The government provides institutionalized orphanages with only the very basic of 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. The results of this are evident in the statistics below.

- > 10% commit suicide
- > 40% go to prison
- > 40% have mental problems
- > only 10% can adapt to life outside the orphanage

History to Current:

The Priazovje Orphanage (located 300 km southeast of Nikopol, Dnipropetrovs'k) was started by the local Baptist Church who saw a need that was not being met. After prayerful consideration they were given a vision to open an orphanage. In 1998, renovations began on the first building after capital funds were received from the MCC. Four years later, the Priazovje Orphanage opened its doors and began caring for 25 orphans who were placed there by the state.

Since the opening, Priazovje has not received any government assistance; rather the state requires taxes, dictates the amount of orphans sent to the orphanage, and expects specific items to be purchased in order to maintain their government status. The orphanage is currently home to 12 girls and 25 boys in addition to 26 workers.

Plan of Action:

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| 1. Church Building | 6. Windows |
| 2. Gymnasium | 7. Brick Shop Expansion |
| 3. Playground | 8. Paint Shop |
| 4. Heating Room | 9. Yard / Exterior Renovations |
| 5. Residence for Graduating Orphans | 10. Purchase Camp |

1. Church Building
The church is the foundation of the orphanage and the building is in bad need of repair. The size of the congregation has increased to an average of 90 people while the current church building can hold only 75. A new building is required to accommodate the increase in attendance. A foundation has been completed directly behind the current building as they wait for additional finances to complete the building.

Cost: \$74,000 CAD \$60,000 USD

2. Gymnasium
Children currently do not have a place where they can play inside during cold and rainy days. There is a building located directly behind the orphanage that is available for purchase to be converted into a gymnasium. Since the building is connected to the current Forms Shop, another benefit to purchasing the building would be that the Forms Shop (where brick forms are made) can be expanded.

Cost: Unknown

* Due to the current economical situation the 5 building shareholders do not want to sell.

3. **Playground**
 In order to keep their registry the government is requiring the orphanage to provide a sport court, which includes a basic basketball and volleyball court. Even though there is already a small playground at the orphanage the state requires an upgrade; however, it will provide the children with more opportunities to play.
 Cost: \$10,000 CAD \$8,000 USD

4. **Heating Room**
 The current heating room is in the same area as the Forms Shop and needs to be separated by constructing walls around it. Staff members remain in the room overnight so that they can keep the fire going to heat the building.
 Cost: \$4,900 CAD \$4,000 USD

5. **Residence for Graduating Orphans**
 The state requires that residents leave the orphanage by the age of 16. The Priazovje Orphanage has been allowed to keep orphans until they turn 18. There are currently 4 orphans who are 16/17 with the first orphan scheduled to leave in May of 2009. There are no places for the orphans to go after leaving the orphanage, which puts them right back onto the street. It is essential to provide a permanent residence for them to live and adjust as they get started on their own. Without a permanent address they will not be able to obtain a driver's license, attend post secondary education or work for a registered company. The government has provided the orphanage land to build a duplex to be used as a transition home.
 Cost: \$32,000 CAD \$27,500 USD

6. **Windows**
 The orphanage building is old and currently has 14 windows that need to be replaced. The lack of insulated windows has also increased the heating costs and makes the building difficult to heat during the winter months.
 Each window: \$350 CAD (includes installation) \$450 USD
 Total cost: \$7,300 CAD (includes installation) \$6,000 USD

7. **Brick Shop Expansion**
 Purchasing the building for the gymnasium will enable the Forms Shop to expand thereby increasing the shop's capacity. The Brick Shop began from an investment made by 2 partners developing patterned bricks. The business investment profits are split into 3, with 1/3 going towards the operational expenses of the orphanage. The boys have an opportunity to learn how to make these bricks and also get paid \$6 a day for their services. There is a need to purchase new brick-making forms to continue on with this business program in addition to purchasing new fence-making forms.
 Cost: \$1,200 CAD \$1,500 USD

8. **Paint Shop**
 With the addition of a car workshop, vehicles that are repaired will need to be painted to complete their projects.
 Cost \$37,000 CAD \$30,000 USD

9. **Yard / Exterior Building Renovations**
 Another government regulation is for the orphanage to have the yard paved and landscaped. In addition the outside of the building needs to be renovated with new siding.
 Cost of yard: \$15,000 CAD \$12,000 USD
 Cost of exterior building renovations: \$16,000 CAD \$13,000 USD
 Total cost: \$31,000 CAD \$25,000 USD

10. Camp Purchase

The Government requires orphans to have outdoor activities away from the orphanage. Most state run orphanages send their orphans to camps for a good part of the summer. It is currently costing the Priazovje Orphanage \$4,000 CAD to send their 37 orphans to camp for 9 days (\$108 per child). Instead of covering the cost every year to send the children to camp, the orphanage leadership would like to purchase a place where they could send them. There is also a high level of interest from surrounding churches to have a local camp for their children to attend in the summers. The goal is purchase a camp ground / buildings and renovate it to meet government standards. Ukraine law allows the orphanage leadership to rent the camp and buildings and begin the renovations, and when they chose to purchase it, the amount paid for the renovations can go towards the principle cost of the camp. This will provide a camp that is fully renovated. (The cost of camp is \$50,000 USD; if the cost to renovate it is \$30,000 USD, then the cost of camp at time of purchase will only be \$20,000 USD.)
Total cost: \$62,000 CAD \$50,000 USD

11. Sewing Room

There are currently 10 girls who would benefit greatly from a sewing program. There have been 7 sewing machines donated to the orphanage; however there is no room to set up classes for the girls. The orphanage already has commitments from volunteers / designers to teach the course. The project is to build a classroom that will enable the sewing program to begin
Cost: \$4,200 CAD \$3,400 USD

Additional Project Opportunities:

> Operational Expenses

With no financial assistance from the government, the Priazovje Orphanage has been able to cover their operational expenses one month at a time. The workers are so committed that there are times where they donate back their monthly wages so the orphanage can continue to function. The financial breakdown for 37 orphans and 26 staff in 2006 is as follows:

- > Salary - \$31,200 CAD, \$25,000 USD (an average of \$100 CAD, \$80 USD per month per staff member)
- > Food - \$26,000 CAD, \$21,700 USD (an average of \$2,160 CAD, \$1,800 USD a month)
- > General Maintenance - \$9,200 CAD, \$7,500 USD (items such as vehicle maintenance, building maintenance, fuel, etc.)
- > Electricity - \$4,100 CAD, \$3,500 USD
- > Heat - \$9,000 CAD, \$7,500 USD (The home has no gas and requires firewood to heat the orphanage)
- > Miscellaneous - \$3,900 CAD, \$3,300 USD (Shampoo, soap, supplies, sheets, beds, etc)

Total cost: \$83,400 CAD per year / \$68,500 USD per year

> School Fee's / Supplies

This will provide each orphan schooling / supplies for 1 year (\$100 CAD each).

Total cost: \$4,000 CAD per year / \$3,300 USD per year

> Summer Camp

Government registered orphanages are expected to provide orphans with outdoor activities during the summer. Summer camp will provide children 9 days of camp filled activities while fulfilling government regulations.

Cost per child: \$120 CAD \$100 USD

Total cost: \$4,450 CAD \$3,700 USD

Projected Costs (November 2008): Updated

#	PROJECT COMPONENTS	CAPITAL FUNDS REQUIRED USD	CAPITAL FUNDS REQUIRED CAD
1	Church Building	\$60,000	\$74,000
2	Gymnasium	TBD	TBD
3	Playground	\$8,000	\$10,000
4	Heating Room	\$4,000	\$4,900
5	Residence for Graduating Orphans	\$27,500	\$32,000
6	Windows	\$6,000	\$7,300
7	Brick Shop Expansion	\$1,200	\$1,500
8	Paint Shop	\$30,000	\$37,000
9	Yard / Exterior Renovations	\$25,000	\$31,000
10	Purchase Camp	\$50,000	\$62,000
11	Sewing Room	\$4,200	\$3,400
	CAPITAL TOTAL	\$215,900 USD	\$263,100 CAD
	ANNUAL PROJECTS		
	Operational Expenses	\$68,500	\$83,400
	School Fee's	\$5,300	\$4,000
	Summer Camp	\$4,450	\$3,700
	ANNUAL TOTAL	\$78,250 USD	\$91,100 CAD

\$1 CAD = .80 USD

Projects Completed:

- > Mechanical Shop
The girls have been provided with sewing machine training but do not currently have an adequate room to teach the program; however there was a need to increase skill acquisition for the boys beyond brick making. With 70% of the orphans being boys, a mechanical shop has helped to provide them with necessary skills that will give them a better chance at a successful life once they turn 18 and are forced to begin a life on their own.
- > Used Vehicle
A 15 passenger van is necessary as children beyond the fifth grade have to travel to a public school. With the number of orphans increasing to 50 this September, the vehicle will take care of the logistical difficulties of dropping them off and picking them up every day.
- > Windows
There were 8 windows replaced in 2 classrooms in addition to 26 windows that completed the entire 2nd level of the orphanage where the children's rooms are located which now stay warm during the winter months.

Positive Benefit:

Investing into the future of Ukraine's orphans will benefit not only individual lives but Ukraine's social system, as 80% of orphans end up having to be taken care of by the system through prison's or mental institutions.

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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