

**Awakening
Orphanage**



House of Hope

Community Centers

Making a difference in a child's life...

**Krasnoarmiys'k,
Ukraine**

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Getting to know the
Cook at our Orphanage!
This month I would like to
introduce you to...

Vera



Our President, Richard, shares once again:
It has now been six weeks since Behzad and I have returned from our trip to install the kitchen. As you know from our last newsletter, the kitchen is making a huge difference, with its full potential yet to be realized. Breaking old habits and learning new ones can be a challenge. This was particularly true for the head cook, Vera. She's from the old school and this became evident by her initial



reluctance to try anything new, but, by the time we left, she was making progress. I would like to introduce you to the "grandmother" figure at the Orphanage who the children both love and revere. Here's the story she shared with me:

Born in 1940, in Krasnoarmiys'k, Ukraine, she was a child of the war. Her first husband died in a car accident and her second husband died from alcoholism.

While in her early 20's, she worked in a local brick factory. On her way to the market one day, she heard the sound of music coming from a local Christian Church and felt called to go inside. The guest speaker seemed to be talking directly to her and as she described it, "I was captured by the Holy Spirit." Soon, she was volunteering at the church. At first, she did some cleaning and then became a guard to prevent vandalism and theft while the church was being rebuilt after some locals had burned it down. Later, she began cooking for the workers and eventually was asked by Pastor Leonid to stay on as the head cook at the Orphanage. She's been there ever since. We thank God for Vera and her dedi-



One hundred years from now, it will not matter what kind of car I drove, how much I had in my bank account, or what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a little better because I was important in the life of a child." Author Unknown

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