



# House of Hope

Community Centers

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

Awakening  
Orphanage

Krasnoarmiys'k,  
Ukraine

**Exchange Rate**  
250 Hryvnia (Grivnas) = \$31.30 U.S.  
\$1.00 US= \$7.99 Hryvnia

## TRIP TO KRASNOARMIYS'K, UKRAINE, AND THE AWAKENING ORPHANAGE

### July 2011

We made it back safely! Bezhad and I were able to visit the orphanage last month. We departed on 15 June and returned 29 June. After 14 hours of flight time and 25 hours of layover, we finally arrived in Donetsk via Warsaw,



at 1:40 am on Saturday, 18 June. We were picked up by Pastor Leonid and his daughter Lilya (our interpreter).

Our goal for this trip was two fold. Our primary goal was the kitchen installation which included availability of local suppliers as well as natural gas and electricity to support the equipment. The biggest challenge was trying to ascertain the rules for shipping in equipment. This meant dealing with the customs office in Donetsk. If you think dealing with our government agencies can be a challenge, try it with one that until 1991 was ruled by the Soviet Union. After being bounced to three different offices, Bezhad established that we could ship in the equipment but it would incur a hefty duty fee. We are looking into utilizing a shipping company out of Oregon that specializes in shipping material around the world in support of outreach programs. The owner is from Ukraine. We may be able to avoid duties if a non-profit ships to another non-profit. We have until the end of the year to utilize some funding acquired via the Rotary. There will be more information to come soon.



Our second goal was to interview each child to get a more personal picture including their thoughts about the orphanage, sponsors, aspirations, and the circumstances that brought them there. This was a tough one for me. Their stories were heart wrenching. Many were reluctant to recount things, yet some were very open. Lilya filled in a few blanks. Look for more on this in future newsletters!!!

Our visit to the orphanage was rewarding in so many ways. I now have a very personal connection with the kids and the staff. Both Pastor Leonid and his daughter are extremely committed to the welfare of the children in their care. By their faith in Jesus Christ they are strengthened and through His love their love abounds. What a blessing to the children and to us.



Richard Yager-President, HOHCC Board

You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you....John Wooden

Remove this portion and mail with your next monthly contribution.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for  July 2011  August 2011  3 Months  6 Months

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Reference Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Travel Expenses/Ukraine

Soup Kitchen

General Fund

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