



New Hope Orphan Care Program - Ukraine

"To look after orphans...in their distress..."

James 1:27

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What has been a blessed year is coming to an end! Usually, at the beginning of a year we make plans, then we hope and pray that we will accomplish all that we had planned; however, with our ministry, you can not just plan and do something, expecting specific results, because you understand that success does not depend on you alone. It takes a lot of planning, prayers, people, finances, meetings, trainings, visits, and so on to rescue one child from the despair of orphanhood and be placed in a loving Christian family. In this newsletter I would like to thank all the people who have been involved in this ministry all these years. First of all, I would like to thank God, because only with His help all these miracles could have happened! Secondly, families who have opened their hearts and homes, who choose not to think about their own difficulties but to help children who are in need; the caseworkers who



are taking care of families and children during the whole process of adoption; the directors of the orphanages who choose to cooperate and let children leave their institutions; our team in Lviv and in the U.S. who are very supportive in this ministry and do a lot of things that no one can see (but God knows!); Hank Paulson, who started New Hope ministry and his daughter, Larissa, who brought the Orphan Care program idea to our country; Dr. Jill Clark, who help our families and children get through difficult situation in their lives – I would like to thank you!!! And thank *you* for your faithfulness, kindness and trust in this ministry – you are making this ministry possible!



This year we achieved more then we expected and I am very grateful to God for this! During this year seven new families joined our program and 33 new children where adopted. During the last six years, 78 families adopted 219 children through the Orphan Care program! It is not just statistics – behind these numbers, people's lives have been totally changed. Our 13 caseworkers have spread this ministry to 11 regions of Ukraine, and reached 20 new churches. They made 393 home visits and 91 support group meetings for families. The biggest highlights were three Orphan Care family camps for a total of 309 people , that we did

last summer. I still continue to receive telephone calls and letters from families who share how their time at camp influenced their relationships with their children, their spouse, and their personal relationship with God.

I want to share with you a letter from one of our families from the Kirovograd region who adopted three children:

“We are so grateful to God and you for your open hearts to our family and our children. Thank you a lot for your material support and for your prayers. We ask God that He, Our Loving God, will give you a hundred times back and bless you in all directions of your life! I want to share shortly about our children. When I was pregnant with our son, God gave us the desire in our hearts to adopt an orphan. Artem was the first whom we adopted. He was 10 months old. We still remember our first visit to the orphanage, realizing that we will meet a child who will become part of our family and we will be responsible for him before God. After six months we adopted twin girls, Dasha and Olya. They were two years old when we met them the first time. All the children were very unhealthy and it took a few years to treat them, but God is working miracles in our children’s lives. Now our children are doing much better and they study in the first grade at school. We are trying to give our children all they need and we believe that God will save them from this world’s cruelty and sin. We are grateful to God for each child in our family. They all are very different and independent. May God bless you this Christmas and New Year! We wish you happiness, peace, health and God’s blessings! In Christ, Kovalchuk family”



Many good things happened this year and I believe that God is preparing even more blessings for this next year. May God fulfill all your needs and continue to bless you because you became a blessing to these families and children in Ukraine!

With gratitude,

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