



Program for Humanitarian Aid is "Being Family"

2015 Summer Mission Trip

Summer Camp for our kids, Refugee work, a trip to Kharkiv with 2 orphan boys, a baptism, renting a house to extend our orphan ministry and EEM camp! Wow! The 2 months we spent in Ukraine this summer flew by!



Our trip began with a weeklong bible camp where 56 of "our kids" from two orphanages along with Christian adults and mentors from Ukraine, PHA, and Youthreach International met at a facility along the banks of the Dniper River. We enjoyed a time of praising God and learning about His love. It was such a special time filled with Bible lessons, hugs, smiles, and of course a little swimming! Camp offers these children the opportunity to be away from the orphanage, with Christian adults, in a positive and caring environment. Thank you to all of those who "sent a kid to camp" this summer!

After camp we were able to spend time in Zaporizhia with Andrey and his family and be a part of serving the now 4 refugee centers. Sometimes it is easy to think of the humanitarian aid crisis in Ukraine as "old news". Sadly, the reality is that the needs are ever present and ever increasing. As we accompany Andrey on his weekly visits to the refugee centers we are met with anxious faces waiting for the milk Andrey and Tanya bring along with their warm smiles and hugs. The people housed here need the nutrition, need to know they are not forgotten, and need to know someone cares about them. The refugees here need the hope found through Jesus Christ.

Losha and Yegor. These two "true orphan" boys who live with Andrey and his family on weekends and holidays (including the entire summer) are a joy to be around! We were able to spend a few days with them in Karkhiv where they were able to see what life is like outside of Zaporizhia. We spent time at museums, an amusement park and most importantly strengthening relationships and showing them the hope of a better future. The Christian influence in their life is obviously having a positive impact on them. What a treat this trip was for us! I think we enjoyed it as much as the boy's did!



While we are in Zaporizhia we are a part of the community there, especially the church community. The church in Zaporizhia is growing and is a positive force in the lives of the kids PHA ministers to. Sunday's are the best, when most of the congregation comes to Domik after services to enjoy a meal and fellowship. It is a surreal experience to be in a room filled with Christians who don't speak the same language as you but who you definitely consider friends. One Sunday a lady in her young 20's decided to be baptized. Yura, the preacher there, often says "the Dniper River is warm." After lunch at Domik we all went to the river where she was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ!

Possibly one of the most exciting changes to our ministry happened during this trip. PHA is now renting a house! This house will serve as a home for Andrey and his family and will also provide for a place where several orphan children can stay as their needs arise. Please pray for this latest development in our ministry.

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Our trip ended with EEM camp in Poltava. We were able to work with many of the same orphan kids that we worked with last summer. On our final day there Maxim, the kid's counselor from the orphanage, who also grew up in that orphanage himself, shared this with us. He said that his whole life as an orphan Americans would visit. He always felt that they were simply there to "make a check mark". He told us that last summer he started to think that our work was more than just a "check mark". Then he went on to say that after this summer he knew that we came to Ukraine not to make a check mark, but to serve the orphans there and to share Jesus with them.



We learned a new statistic about orphans during this trip. 75% of orphans will never see their 25th birthday. It seems that we spend a lot of our time sharing the statistics that face older orphans. While in Ukraine we minister to these children. Knowing the numbers is one thing. Seeing the faces, holding the hands, and getting hugs from the kids who face those numbers is heartbreaking.

This summer's trip allowed us to serve as well as assess our ministry. How PHA's ministry is doing can be summed up in two words. "It's working". This is not due to us. The success of work in Ukraine is the product of hours of love and labor by Andrey and his family and the product of God changing lives through the hope and love found in Him.

To God be the Glory!!!

-Chris and Christy



The Family House

Andrey and his family have been living in a small apartment and graciously sharing that space not only with their family of four, but with two orphan boys from Zaporizhia. Due to circumstances outside of their control they learned that this apartment would no longer be available. After much prayer and consideration, PHA and the Belokonnaya family have decided that this was God prompting us towards one of our original goals, Transitional Housing. PHA has rented a two story house that will serve the Belokonnaya family as well as orphans. Some will stay on an ongoing basis while for others it will be a place of refuge while attending trade or technical school. A Family Home, and all that that entails. It will serve as a place for weekends, holidays, meals, mentorship, and refuge. It is in a great location close to the downtown area and walking distance to Domik and church. We couldn't be more excited about this extension of our ministry as we have already seen great results from the home/foster family aspects of our program. Please join us in praying that God blesses this facility and the people there.

Family Time: by Andrey Belokonnaya

“You are changing lives.”

Of course all of us were waiting for the summer and now it comes to the end.

The Vice Director from Valnyansk orphanage called saying: “Kids came from the camp and we’re ready to visit any place any time you tell. We’re waiting for the invitation!”

I’ve never thought that both kids and adults may wish Summer Holidays to end but for some time I often hear from Domik visitors the question: “When we’ll start meeting at Domik again?”

The children are not afraid of attending classes at school, visiting Sunday church meetings, listening to the lectures in Domik, washing the dishes and cleaning up the table because God’s love leaves the most vivid and warm emotions in the hearts of our visitors.

“Thanks that I have you”, “I’m so happy I found you”, “Now I feel myself at home”, “That’s so good we met”, “Can’t wait to come visit you”, – these are just a few examples of the different aged kids’ messages. I write this not to level up my reputation or apprise the ministry of my family, I want to share the feelings that God gives me. These feelings touch the heart of hearts moving to tears. Every day I glorify and thank God for His love and the opportunity to show and pass it to the others.



The children from the orphanages were away at summer camps so appeared the possibility to pay more attention to the refugees. Many people became the permanent dwellers of the Refugee Centers and with some of them our relations grew up from ‘May I have milk?’ to ‘We’re thankful to the Lord for care’.

Thanks to PHA’s ministry adults started thinking about the source of the blessings, they became more open to communications.

Kids are always happy to meet at any place, they enjoy coming to the Sunday Bible classes. The church rents a small bus to transfer people from Refugee Centers to the meeting place and we buy juices, cookies and treats for the kids and adults.

I believe that the war conflict in the Eastern Ukraine will cease. The refugees won’t be refugees anymore. Some of them will stay to live in Zaporizhia, but most will go back home. The warmth of God’s love in their hearts that was shown through the ministry of PHA in the Body of Church won’t be forgotten. I think that every time they are opening a bottle of milk people would think and some of them would even tell about a small God’s blessing in Zaporizhia that changed their lives.



The Summer: We had a wonderful camp for the kids. Now everything happening in other camps is compared to our camp. We’ve visited 2 facilities for the orphans in two different places. With some of the kids we were communicating all the time by the phone or through the social networks. We were sending food and hygiene products through the people that went to see the kids. We paid more attention to the adults and refugees’ children. We are meeting with the orphanage graduates. Our family moved to a new place which is a good house in a good part of the city that will serve the orphans. And now we prepare for the new start in the new school year.

Thanks to God and to everyone participating in the PHA’s ministry. You are changing lives.

-Andrey Belokonnaya

Story of a Child: by Tanya Belokonnaya

Looking at an orphan you never know what to expect from them in the future. If you think about “home kids” (called so by the orphans) at least you know that they had more or less but good genetics plus normal social and psychological environment, possibilities and options for development. Children from the orphanages whether having parents or not are usually deprived of the above mentioned list. The only thing left is hope. Hope given by God while working with these children, hope that they will somehow succeed. But what is success for the orphan? Are they estimated by everybody and see life the same as ‘home kids’ do?



Coming back to Zaporizhia a year ago we started to meet the orphans we spent time with 12 years ago. Before our visit to the camp in Berdyansk one of the girls found me on the social network. Her name is Dasha, she will turn 25 this August. We exchanged our phone numbers. After couple days she called me telling how happy she was to find us. She told that she has eighteen month old son named Yegor and lives in a small village closer to Berdyansk. She got in touch with my parents as well and on our way back from the camp we dropped in to see her.

Village life in Ukraine looks very different than city life. Dasha has a son from a man she has lived with for 7 years already (they’re not married), they have a village house and domestic animals, the main of which are two cows which she has to milk twice a day. They have crops of their own. She and her husband are not working. Dasha doesn’t have good relations with her 6 siblings, she contacts only with her sister in Berdyansk and older brother. We were the first to come visit her.

Twelve years ago Dasha was in the Svitanok orphanage and when she graduated she was sent out from Zaporizhia to study in the trade school in a small town. We hope to keep in touch with her, it seems she wants it even more then we do, saying she has nobody in this life.

Is it a successful life? What is success for the orphan?

-Tatiana Belokonnaya

“What is success for the orphan?”

Refugee Update

It is estimated there are over 1.4 million internally displaced people in Ukraine as of July 2015. PHA is now serving in 4 refugee centers in Zaporizhia, Ukraine. We continue to distribute milk, medicine, and meet other needs.

Recently PHA has started to send buses to these centers on Sundays to transport those wanting to come to church. The results are amazing. Refugees young and old are visiting church, hearing God’s word, and being loved by the Christians there. Recently, two refugee women were baptized. God’s Kingdom is growing!



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50 for 50

50 people, \$50 a Month for Orphans in Ukraine

Join the 50 for 50 campaign!

We are looking for 50 individuals to donate \$50 a month to keep Domik, our day center for older orphans in Zaporizhia, Ukraine, open and serving.

Program for Humanitarian Aid (PHA) is a ministry focused on building God's Kingdom in Ukraine through serving older orphans as well as those in need of humanitarian aid.

PHA's Transition Program for older orphans helps children transition from orphanage life into successful adulthood. Through time spent at Domik, older orphans learn life skills such as how to cook, how to clean, how to maintain a home, and how to make and use a budget. They also receive tutoring and legal help. Through a network of local Christians, they receive mentorship, learn about healthy relationships and, most importantly, are shown Christ's Love.

Ongoing costs associated with Domik that need your help:

Item:	Monthly Cost:	Number of \$50 per month donors needed:
Food	\$1,000	20
Rent	\$500	10
Orphanage Work Supplies	\$500	10
Supplies for Domik	\$350	7
Utilities at Domik	\$150	3
Totals:	\$2,500	50

To join the 50 for 50 campaign, simply go to the "donate screen" on the

PHA website: <http://www.programforhumanitarianaid.org/donate/>, click the yellow Donate button , and complete your donation information.

Be sure to check the "Make This Recurring" box so your donation will occur monthly.

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Monthly donations can also be made by check. Please email pha@programforhumanitarianaid.org to join 50 for 50 by check. After you complete your donation information please email to let us know you have joined 50 for 50 so we can update our goal chart!

Thank you for joining 50 for 50!

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We are always looking for new opportunities to share PHA’s ministry.

We are looking to share this work with:

- Church Groups
- Sunday School and Bible Study Classes
- Ladies or Men’s Groups
- Organizations Large or Small
- Any Other Group of People
- Individuals

Our supporters and prayer warriors are our PHA Family and we are constantly looking for ways to grow! If you know of someone or a group who would like to hear more about our work, please let us know.

www.programforhumanitarianaid.org

Recently the PHA website received a fresh new look! Please visit our website to see more pictures, stories and ways to “Join the PHA Family”! You will also find links to our Facebook, Instagram and Blog pages.



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Donations can also be made through the PHA website: www.programforhumanitarianaid.org