



Nourished Hearts

The purpose of Nourished Hearts is to serve the needs of the orphaned, single parent and the displaced by aiding their emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual needs.

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Island of Hope Center UPDATE

The Bethel Baptist Church (Yuzhny, Ukraine) continues to host our Island of Hope Center. The Center has expanded

Nourished Hearts thanks you and all our donor/supporters for making this second room possible.



NH Ukraine leader, Stepan Koisa, and volunteer preparing our second study room set up.

into a second room as it continues to serve growing numbers of children at risk of becoming orphaned due to financial hardship within their families. The number of children participating is expected to grow again this summer. The Center expansion allows for increased capacity, division of study groups and rotation between rooms.

yet scrambled successfully to meet the need.

Real Lives, Real Change

Your support and the dedication of our tireless staff of volunteers has made life changing events possible, as two of our 20 regular visiting children, Tolik and Eugene, accepted Christ last Autumn and made a

confession of faith with Pastor Oleg Guzik. Only God knows the hundreds or even thousands of other lives that will be touched and positively impacted by the new life in which Tolik and Eugene will walk for years to come. We are still praising God and praying for your future donations to bear similar fruit in the record number of children who are expected to join the program this summer.

If you are not currently a financial supporter of Nourished Hearts, we treasure your prayers and ask you to consider a monthly sponsorship or one-time gift to help lift these vulnerable children from hurting, desperate families to new hope.

As we approach the summer months to face increasing numbers of at-risk children in need, Nourished Hearts is currently operating at a \$700 monthly deficit; your contribution today will enable our volunteer staff to immediately meet the needs of our 20 children while making it possible to serve many more this summer.

Can you help? We join you in prayer regarding your role in partnering with us.

The Nourished Hearts Child Sponsorship Program

Are you meant to be a Nourished Hearts Child Sponsor? The only qualification is your love and commitment to a vulnerable child.

Nourished Hearts currently has 16 children in need of sponsors to ensure they have ongoing access to daily meals, educa-

tional supplies, and caring adult supervision during the day or after school – allowing their parents to work to avoid losing their children to financial hardship.

You can see those children waiting for Island of Hope sponsorship at <http://www.nourishedhearts.org/child-sponsorship.html>

A full sponsorship of just \$60 per month provides seven days of care each week,



Some of Island of Hope Center children and staff.

while a partial (shared) sponsorship provides \$30 toward care each per month. We'd love to have you join our Sponsor Team. Join us today.

**A huge, heartfelt
THANK YOU
to our sponsors.
Through YOU,
God makes all things
possible for our children.**

The Needs of the Orphaned

The needs of orphaned children on the street and in state run orphanages often go unmet. In Ukraine especially, the 2014 military invasion by Russia has made it even more difficult and dangerous both physically and financially. Our Orphan Visitation Team is stepping up to help meet those needs for the children of the Zhovten State Orphanage.

Zhovten is a town approximately 100 kilometers north of Odessa. Our team travels two hours each way, two times a month



Part of the Zhovten State Orphanage children with Nourished Hearts team members during Holiday visit in January, 2017..

to love on these forgotten children. Besides offering monthly birthday parties (unheard of in orphanages), Bible teaching and life-skills training, our team strives to develop personal relationships with the children, providing attention, love and care they otherwise would go without.

Because of their care of those in the Zhovten orphanage, many previously unknown needs have come to light:

- Underwear is needed for all 150 children - they haven't been provided underwear since November of 2014!
- Feminine hygiene products are scarce, and are an ongoing need.
- Many children need medicine, their medical needs having been ignored. Some require direct medical care; one recently completed a hospital stay.

- Dental care needs are crucial and immediate.

The orphanage director trusts our team and has begun to let us know how truly desperate these needs are. Can you help? These orphaned children are suffering and waiting to be helped. Though our team has

donated what they can from among themselves, and the church has assisted, the children need our help.

Your financial gift would make a practical difference in everyday life for these orphans. Your gift through Nourished Hearts could also save a life. Will you help our team?

Transitional Housing in Planning Stage

Nourished Hearts and Bethel Baptist Church are in the beginning planning stages for Transitional Housing for children graduating from Zhovten Orphanage. They simply have nowhere to go, and Nourished Hearts would like to change that.

We estimate \$30,000 for the cost of the flat for six young women to begin lives outside the orphanage. With housing, they can attend trade school or a university.

Please designate your BUILDING GIFT on a note (not on your check). We will start to measure our progress toward this ambitious goal in future newsletters as funding starts coming in. This is an exciting step for Nourished Hearts, here in the U.S. and in Ukraine. We ask for your prayer regarding this necessary expansion.



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Orphan Care Contribution Form



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