

RESTORING HOPE

a ministry to **ORPHANS**



HopeUpdate
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Christmas Greetings

Dear Friends & Partners in Ministry,

This is the second edition of **HopeUpdate** in its new format. So far, feedback on the new design has been positive, if you have any comments or suggestions please let us know.

Several families are celebrating Christmas in a special way this year; by spending a little less on gifts or treats, they have sponsored one or more of our clothing boxes. A donation of US\$50 enables us to send brand new clothing valued at \$600 to orphans in Krasnodar, Moscow, or the Ukraine. Christian workers trained in orphanage ministry personally deliver the clothes; their input can dramatically impact the children's future. Perhaps your family would like to give a special gift this Christmas.....

Merry Christmas and every blessing for 2004.

In His service,

Oradea, Romania

We are very grateful to Vancouver Children's Hospital for 12 acute care cribs. In cooperation with EuroAid, we will ship these to Oradea for the expansion of a special unit that provides palliative care for babies with AIDS. Sometimes, God provides the ultimate healing by taking those that are suffering the most to be with Him. We can impact their outcome by ensuring they go home in comfort, and dignity.

Special Orphanage #7, Moscow

The renovation of the new wing is complete. Some equipment is in place, but there is an urgent need for hospital quality cribs. To eliminate the cost and challenges of transportation, they can be purchased in Russia at a cost of \$250 each.

Sponsoring a crib is an ideal project for a small church or home fellowship group.

For more information, call us or see the website.

Tax Receipts

Just a reminder that donations must be received by December 31 to be eligible for a 2003 tax receipt. Cheques should be mailed as soon as possible. Online donations prior to midnight on December 31 will get a 2003 receipt.

Monthly Donations

A number of our support team members have not renewed their monthly contributions since we left GAiN. If you have not made the switch yet but want to continue to support our work, we have two options: 1. Post-dated cheques. 2. Credit Cards through the website. Thanks.

Rehabilitation Centre – New Arrival

The rehab centre in Chilliwack is working at full capacity. Haitian orphans Elizabeth and Jodelie have been joined by Delouie, a delightful little boy from the GLA facility near Port-au-Prince. Delouie is undergoing a thorough assessment prior to devising a rehab program.

New Resource Kits

Our new resource kits are being well received. The kits contain comprehensive information for promoting orphan ministry to churches and fellowship groups. If you would like one, please call us or send an email to resources@orphans.ca.

On The Home Front

We have been overwhelmed by God's gracious provision through our church family at **CrossWay**, our dear friends at **Zion Lutheran Church**, **Gatehouse Community Church**, and our support team. Through a financial crisis that felt like it would never end, we have been able to keep our home, have enough groceries to share some hospitality over the holidays, and even Christmas gifts for our kids. God is good.

Long term, our situation looks much brighter. I have accepted a 3 month contract commencing January 5th to provide operational and administrative services to my old employer, Ronald Blue & Co. The contract is renewable, and may lead to a permanent arrangement. This will fill the gap between our income from Restoring Hope and our monthly needs. And I get to serve in a role I enjoy, alongside some wonderful people! God is so good!

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