

RESTORING HOPE

a ministry to **ORPHANS**

HopeUpdate
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A New Year – A New Beginning

Dear Friends & Partners in Ministry,

We are truly grateful for God's provision of work back at Ronald Blue & Co. Two weeks into the new job it is clear that much has changed in the industry during my two year absence and some re-education will be necessary before I feel 'back on track'. Some of the business projects I am working on will require some travel; a few days in Ottawa this month, and some time in Atlanta in February.

These changes will clearly have an impact on our capacity to devote time to Restoring Hope. While it will take some time to structure our ministry activities around a full-time work schedule, we are praying for the creativity to continue to respond to new project opportunities as they arise. We know that God cares for His precious children more than we ever could, and so we fully trust Him to provide the time and energy we need to put that care into action.

As we face challenges that require more effective stewardship of our time, we are truly grateful for those whom God has placed in our lives to share in this aspect of His work. We especially appreciate your continued prayer support as we look forward to a New Year, and new opportunities to serve children the world has thrown away.

In His service,



Krasnodar, Russia

Clothing valued at over \$3,000 has been distributed so far, with more shipments en route. One consignment has been delivered to the girls at Tenginskaya, a village orphanage 56 miles from Krasnodar, on the border of the Adyg Republic.

The clothes contributed to a new program initiated by our local partners, **Friendship & Good News**. Under the guidance of believers trained in orphan ministry, students from a Krasnodar high school travel to Tenginskaya to present the clothing and build relationship with the orphans.



Orphans of Tenginskaya

Exposing orphans still in the institutions to the 'outside world' in this way has been proven to dramatically reduce suicide and delinquency rates when they are put onto the street at age 17.

CIS Box Projects

We are able to maintain a good stock of new, high quality clothing. A more immediate challenge is the funding to meet shipping costs. We are inviting all our ministry partners to prayerfully consider sponsoring one or more boxes during 2004. Visitation programs are only effective if they are consistent and we don't want to lose momentum. Donations for all box projects can be made through the "Krasnodar" page on the website. If you would prefer your box(es) to go to the programs in Moscow or Ukraine, simply use the same page, and send us an email stating your preference.

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for 2003 have all been mailed. If yours has not arrived, please call us or email glenn@orphans.ca

Support Team

The income from the contract with Ronald Blue & Co. means we can now meet our current obligations. However, we still have some significant financial challenges as a result of our low income over the past 2 years so we very much appreciate your continued support. Once our personal finances are stable, we will apply all monthly donations to project expenses.

New Opportunity – Rostov, Russia

Our dear friend Burt Dumerton has alerted us to a possible new opportunity. Pastor Burt has contacts with a church in the city of Rostov that has a functioning ministry to the local orphanages. We are currently awaiting details of the institutions and the type of ministry activities and are optimistic that this will be a suitable new partnership for Restoring Hope. Pending the result of Pastor Burt's enquiries, we will likely add Rostov to a field visit itinerary in the spring or early summer.

Simplified Information Sheet

We have a new information sheet that briefly describes our work – a copy is included with this email. If you would like more detailed information, please request a resource kit by emailing resources@orphans.ca.

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