

RESTORING HOPE

a ministry to **ORPHANS**

HopeUpdate
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New Format

Dear Friends & Partners in Ministry,

We have redesigned the format of **HopeUpdate**. The intention is to keep our newsletter to a single page, something you can easily glance over in a few minutes amid the busyness of your day.

If you would like more information on any news item, you will generally find a more extensive article on the website.

And of course, you are more than welcome to contact us directly with any questions or comments. It is always a pleasure to hear from you.

In His service,



End Of An Era

October 30 was our last day at **Global Aid Network**. It was a privilege to have served with some wonderful friends during our time with **GAIN**. We pray for God's blessing on them and their ministry as they continue to demonstrate His care for those in need.

We have been truly blessed by those who have helped to ensure that **Restoring Hope** and its efforts can continue. We are especially grateful to dear friends Glenn & Alison Vernon who worked so hard putting the financial systems in place.

Krasnodar, Russia

Clothing shipments continue. **CrossWay Community Church** assisted with the packing of another batch of clothing. We now have 16 boxes ready to ship. Donations for transportation continue to come in. For those unfamiliar with this project, US\$50 enables us to ship new clothing valued at \$600 to Krasnodar where it is hand delivered to the orphanages.

Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine

Through the **Zion Lutheran Church & School** in Cloverdale, we have connected with Rev. Roland Syens, a missionary who has been in Ukraine for several years. We are exploring how we may be able to assist him and his workers as they reach out to orphanages in the area.

Haiti, Orphan Rehabilitation Centre

The fundraiser at **Chilliwack Alliance Church** on November 1 was a great success. Over 250 attended and donations exceeded \$8,000 with more still coming in. We currently have 2 Haitian babies at the rehab centre in Chilliwack - we hope that this successful event will enable us to change the outcome for several more.

New Resource Kits

We have produced an information kit for churches and fellowship groups interested in connecting directly with orphanages, or 'front-line' churches. The kits contain a number of items useful for promoting orphan ministry including posters for church notice boards, and a number of information papers highlighting the needs - and some options for responding. If you would like a kit, please use the **Feedback Page** on the website, send an email to resources@orphans.ca, or call us.

OnLine Donation System

The **Donation Page** is now active! We have options for single and regular donations in several currencies. Sincere thanks to Henri Straforelli for his guidance in getting this set up. Several of the project pages now have 'Donate' buttons enabling money to be designated to specific causes. Thanks to those who have freely given their services, 100% of each donation is used for its designated purpose.

On The Home Front

With God's provision through many dear friends, our family continues to weather the financial crisis; we are amazed by the evidences of God's grace in those around us. Special thanks to our financial supporters who have stayed with us through the transition from GAIN - your faithfulness gives us great hope for the future. Several job possibilities are floating around but we have yet to receive a firm offer. Please continue to pray for a (preferably part-time) job that would enable us to spend significant time on ministry.

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