

# News From GHT



By Nita Hanson

## This Awesome Journey

“Walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Seventeen and a half years ago, I took a huge step of faith when I left home and family and went to Ukraine for one year with the Navigators to teach the Bible. And, as I quickly found out, God is always faithful to meet us and lead us when we take that first tentative step into the unknown!

The next year, when I returned to Ukraine by myself was an even bigger step of faith – more like a giant leap! Once again, God met me as I continued this walk of faith, and He has led me step by step on a truly awesome journey. I am reminded that God “is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path” (Psalm 119:105). And what I have seen is that **He lights the path as far as the next step and no further.**

I have thought often of how God fed the Jews in the desert for 40 years. Daily He rained down as much manna as they would need **FOR THAT DAY** and He told them not to try to store up extra because it would only spoil.

Now why would He only show us the next step and only provide what we need for one day? And why is faith so important to Him that He tells us we cannot please Him without it? (“But without faith we cannot please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6)

First, **God is the only One who knows the beginning and the end.** (Remember, He calls Himself the Alpha and the Omega.) Only He can safely lead us through the landmines life throws our way, so to depend on Him totally just makes sense!

Secondly, **He is the Creator, King and Savior** of all that is and worthy of all our awe, praise and worship. He is holy, eternal, loving, merciful, truthful, forgiving, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, sovereign, and a million more wonderful things that will take us all eternity to comprehend!

Thirdly, **God is faithful** – always – and thus completely worthy of our trust! He wants us to depend on Him because He knows that, left to our own devices, we will wander off the path of life straight into a ditch. He knows that our best course of action is to hang onto Him for all we're worth! And when we do, He opens the heavens and pours out blessings upon us!

Look and see what God has done through these steps of faith, beginning with a few Bible studies in a small apartment in Ukraine with just myself and an interpreter; and remember as you look that I never thought of or imagined any of this. I only asked God to let me dream His dreams – and so He has and so He will continue to do!

Meet the Ukrainian staff who minister and administer all of our programs:



### Wheelchair Ministry

Wheelchair Distribution (over 4,000 delivered to homes (more than 15 cities)

Wheelchair Repair Center

On-going Outreach to Disabled Community (Christmas/Annual Picnic)



## Medical Ministry

- Stroke Rehabilitation Program (fulltime doctor & nurse therapist)
- Diabetic Program (to more than 3,200 in Bila Tserkva District)
- Mobile Medical Clinic (to 58 villages in Bila Tserkva District)
- Surgical Assistance (for disabled kids)
- Medical Supplies & Equipment (more than \$2 million)



## Orphan Ministry

- Teaching the Bible
- Financial Assistance
- Adoption of Disabled Children
- Surgical Aid



## Spiritual Ministry

- Bible Studies
- Mentoring & Leadership Development



**Sponsor-A-Family Program**

Diabetic Children  
Disabled Children & Families



**Outreach Ministry**

Caregiver's Support Group  
Widow/Widowers Support Group  
Volunteer Group/Home Visits  
Christian Drug Center  
Healing/Prayer Ministry



Our new healing/prayer team

**Mission Opportunities**

Annual Camp for Disabled Kids  
VBS for Orphans  
Others as Defined



**The Village Dream**

The Dream  
Plans for Village





As I look down at my left wrist, I see two things. The first is two intersecting scars that make the shape of a cross. They are the result of wrist surgery following a sports injury. Who knew church softball could be so dangerous! The second thing I see is a blue and yellow bracelet. It was made for me by a young girl named Nastya when I was serving at a camp for children with disabilities in Volodarka, Ukraine. It has been on my wrist for about 18 months and I'm wondering how much longer it will hold on. It reminds me to keep in prayer all my friends from Ukraine.

Blue and yellow are the colors of the Ukrainian flag. The blue represents the sky and the yellow represents the vast farm fields, for Ukraine has long been known as the breadbasket of Europe.



As I consider the sprawling wheat fields, I cannot help but think that the country of Ukraine is ready for a harvest. For that reason I am very excited to announce that I am going to Ukraine full time next summer to work with God's Hidden Treasures. Over the last 17 years, the ministry of GHT has expanded greatly. There are so many families to whom they have provided wheelchairs and other mobility aids. These families have been touched by ministries of compassion.

I'm excited to join in what God is doing in Ukraine. I will be serving as a pastor for GHT. I'm looking forward to visiting and praying with people in need, teaching the Bible, worshiping with youth and families, and so much more. Over the next six months I will be preparing to serve in Ukraine. While there are some things I know I will miss (fast food, air conditioning, sane driving), I cannot wait to be in Ukraine sharing the gospel of Christ.

Psalm 46:1 tells us that "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." This is a powerful message for those living in a state of desperate need. The Lord is using GHT to help meet the needs of people in Ukraine. People who have nowhere else to turn are receiving mobility aids, rehabilitation, medicine, and other things they need.

While these things are true blessings, the greatest need will always be Jesus Christ. Only Christ can bring peace to someone suffering the effects of a stroke, or bring hope to an amputee. Only Christ can take our burdens away and give us rest. Only Christ can bring salvation as he said in the Gospel of John 14:6 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

# A Life Redeemed

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Thirteen years ago in October, we took four young men from the Boy's House Orphanage for the mentally challenged. All four of them had reached the age when the government ships them off to the adult facility orphanage where they will live the rest of their lives – all because someone, somewhere decided that they weren't "normal."

All four of these young men were in a Bible study class I taught at the Boy's House. I didn't believe that any of them were truly "retarded," but showed the effects of being cast off by their families when they were very small and left to be raised in an institution where they receive little, if any, attention. (For the most part they are left lying in a crib all day.) Even the government admits that more than 25% of them are probably "misdiagnosed," but for these kids it is a life sentence they receive, usually around the age of three or four.

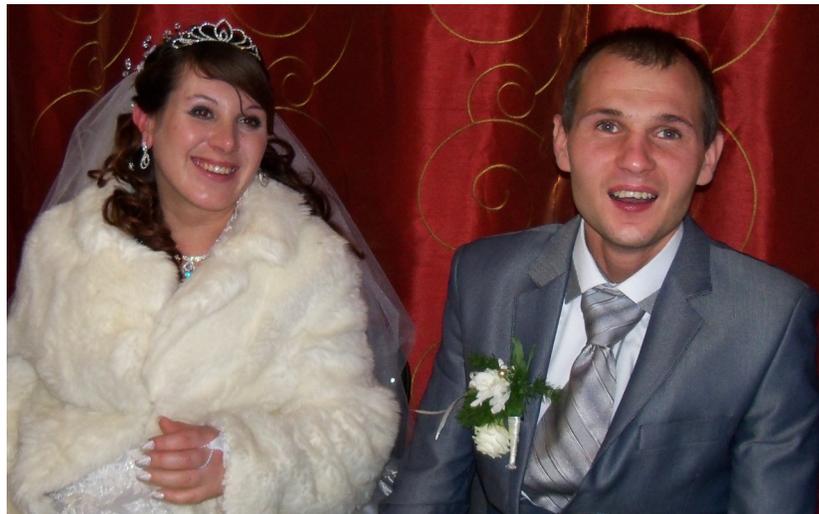
Thanks to a generous donation by a wonderful couple, GHT was able to buy a house in the village of Forcee. For the first time in these kid's memories, they were living in a home! **Was it possible for them to dream of a future? One where they could live like other people – where maybe they would have a job and someday even a family of their own?**



On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, one of these young men, Yura, (pictured on the far left) got married! And I stood up for him as his mom. Alexsei from the Wheel-chair Center stood up as his father. And our office hosted the reception. What a joy – what a privilege – what an amazing story. Thirteen years after leaving the Boy's House, Yura works fulltime for GHT and lives with his new wife, Oxsana, in Forcee.



Yura & wife Oxsana



“Mom” and “Dad”



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