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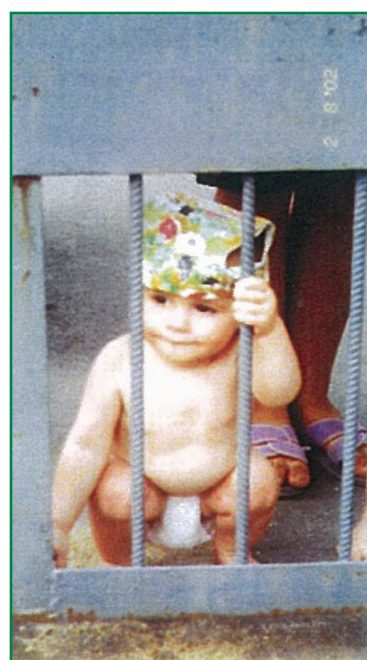


*A miracle-making ministry, providing hope
one child at a time.*

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Our Foundation was formed in mid 2002 by many families who have recently traveled to Ukraine and adopted beautiful children. Upon seeing the need of basic necessities of all the children in the orphanages in Ukraine, we formed this not-for-profit, 501(c)3 organization to assist these children by providing food, medicine and living essentials to them. To date, our gifts to the children and the orphanages have been many, but we have a long way to go. We ask and need your support. The inside of this newsletter will give you an idea of what we are doing. Our dreams and goals are even bigger. We pray that you will be touched by what we are trying to accomplish and maybe you will be able to help us to help the children – *one child at a time.*



Our Mission

To provide medical and nutritional aid along with basic living necessities to orphan, abandoned and displaced children in developing and/or third world countries around the world.

Summer update...

Summer 2011



From the President...

Here we are already at the beginning of June and Blessing Bags have been distributed and are slowly beginning to trickle in. Over 800 of you are participating in this yearly event to provide **Christmas** to children who otherwise would have nothing to celebrate.

When I travelled to Ukraine in April a small girl in one of the orphanages came running up and threw her arms around my legs beginning to jabber in Russian . . . I asked the translator, “what is she asking me”? My translator began to laugh and told me she was asking if I was there early to pass out the “bags” so you see . . . this project is well received and anxiously awaited by the children. I encourage you to consider going on this Blessing Bag trip sometime and experience for yourself what it means to the children.

Our first mission trip to Haiti was a huge success. Medical charts were started for each of the 139 children at the Saline Mayette orphanage and every child was given a dental exam as well. I want to extend my personal thanks to the guys who travelled on this trip.

In Sri Lanka all the plans have finally been approved by the government to start construction of the boys home. We are very excited about this much needed facility for these at risk boys. The conditions of their current home are deplorable and this facility is going to enable us to take in more children. We are planning a mission trip to Sri Lanka to help with the set up and move in of this home so let us know if you would like to know more about this trip.

In Myanmar the children are getting ready to go back to school on **June 1** and thanks to your support everyone at Peace Children’s Home is enrolled in school and has the basic school supplies and uniforms needed. Hopeful Hearts is pleased to be able to also send several of the older children to vocational school training. The mission trip to Sri Lanka will also visit the Peace Children’s Home so this will be a great opportunity for you to see first hand what we are doing in this part of the world.

Please contact us if you would like more information about any of the above ministries and/or travel opportunities. It is not too late to fill a Blessing Bag or make a donation to offset shipping costs. I encourage you to consider a mission trip and I also encourage you to pray for this ministry. I hope each of you has a wonderful summer.

Kathy Drane

Kathy Drane, President



Kroger Card Flash ALERT!!

Hopeful Hearts needs your help! We have over 200 Kroger cards in circulation, but only about 25 are currently being used by our supporters. If you have one of our Kroger cards, please use it! As you know, Hopeful Hearts receives 4% of every dollar loaded onto the card. Even if you haven’t used the card in a while, if the card has any balance on it, it can be reloaded and used and we will get the “free” money. If your current card does not have a balance on it, it has probably expired and we can get you a new one.

Just think, if everyone put \$100 on their card this month, Hopeful Hearts would receive \$800! That’s 200X\$100=\$2000X4%=\$800. That is enough money to feed an orphanage that we support in Ukraine for an entire month! Fantastic! So would you please consider using the card? It will be a blessing to many.

If you ever have any questions regarding your card or getting a new one, please do not hesitate to call Trip Pottinger at 502-836-5473!



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Haiti Trip - 2011

On April 15th a team of six from Louisville departed for Haiti. It was an incredible journey that none of us will ever forget. Getting to Haiti was just the beginning of the adventure. Once there, the team travelled in the back of a pickup known in Haiti as a “Tap-Tap” for over 3 hours while traveling only 27 miles through river crossings and mountain passes to reach our final destination, Saline Mayette orphanage. The orphanage sits high in the mountains with some of the most magnificent sunsets, and star lit nights you have ever seen. As we arrived at the orphanage, we were greeted by the 136 children Hopeful Hearts is supporting with the recent completion of the Hopeful Hearts Medical Clinic.



These are the children who have nothing, there is no running water, their clothes don't really fit or match, they have a look of despair in their eyes. As I was walking the grounds I felt a small tug at my hand and looked down at the biggest brown eyes looking up at me. He just wanted to walk with me, hand in hand. No words were said and none were needed.



The team's busy week started off on Monday as we prepared the clinic for our 136 patients. Our team consisted of a pediatrician, dentist, and four clinic volunteers to support the doctors, run baseline tests, and facilitate smooth operation of the clinic. We unloaded supplies, stocked the pharmacy, and prepared our lab. Our pediatrician and dentist prepared their exam rooms. Once we felt we were ready, we came together, finalized our plan and prayed for God to use our team to glorify Him. The primary purpose of the trip was to develop baseline medical files on all the children including photos to aid future medical teams in caring for the children. We learned another use of the files that we would have never dreamed of. We were told that a child's file will be their only identity records and most likely their only

photo of themselves to save as a keepsake. The team also prioritized cases that needed immediate attention so arrangements could be made to take the children to the Hospital in St. Louie DeNord. Many minor conditions were treated on-site.

This little boy came into the clinic with a severe tooth infection. He face was swollen with infection, drainage from his eyes, and feverish. Our Dentist, Dr. Bob Dick recommended immediate extraction of the tooth. I cannot imagine going through that alone and scared. Our translator said it best with tears streaming down his face as he tried to offer words of comfort to the boy, “No child should have to go through this without his mother here with him.”

If you have ever been on a mission trip, you know the feelings that the trip will bring out. this trip was no different in that respect. It is physically a very hard trip. Emotionally, it is a life-changer. Ask any one of us that travelled, and they will tell you their lives will never be the same. To see those children that have basically nothing as far as possessions, but yet you also see they have just enough to be happy. These children are learning to love Christ. Hopeful Hearts wants to partner with them on their journey.

Future plans are already in the works. Our next goal is to get fresh water at the campus and should happen by July. Currently, long trips are made continuously throughout the day to the nearest well and hauled by donkey. They have started to build a schoolhouse, but have run out of funds. Could it be in our future to help in that area? Time will tell. We are monitoring the situation and will keep you informed.



It's Blessing Bag Time!!

Hopeful Hearts Foundation is preparing for the “Blessing Bag Trip” that takes place December 27, 2011 through January 3, 2012. This trip provides another opportunity for Hopeful Hearts to share the love of Christ through the generosity of others. Each child receives their blessing bag and also hears the wonderful story of Christ's birth shared during these orphanage visits.

Hopeful Hearts relies on the generosity of the many wonderful people who step forward every year to donate their time and money to fill those bags for an orphan in Ukraine. This is a great opportunity for you to give because an orphan in Ukraine anticipates now (just as any kid does) what they will get for Christmas. These children depend on your generosity because without you they would not enjoy very much about Christmas. It has been my pleasure to go on two of these trips in the past and I assure you the children look forward to the gifts and are very thankful to those of you who prepare a bag.

If you would like to touch the life of an orphan by filling a blessing bag we still have bags available for you to fill. Please contact us today at Hopeful Hearts so we can arrange for you to receive a bag.

Thank you to everyone who has already taken bags to fill and remember we need to have the filled bags back by July 1st so that we can start boxing them up to be shipped to Ukraine.

Thank you again for your generosity to Hopeful Hearts Foundation. Through you we are able to minister to the needs of children and give them a hopeful heart that someone loves and cares for them.

Myanmar Update

Hopeful Heart's ministry in Myanmar continues to grow with additional support for the older children this year. In March, Hopeful Hearts started supporting the vocational training needs of eight young men and ladies at Samuel Thang's Children's Home. The vocational training includes Sewing, Computer Courses, IT Networking, Air Conditioning Repair, Auto mechanics and Electrician training. This vocational training is very important for the orphans so that they will have employable skills to become productive members of society when they eventually leave the Children's Home.

As was done last year, Hopeful Hearts is also continuing to support the educational needs of all of the younger children and has committed to fund their tuition, books, school supplies and uniforms for school starting in June.

Meet some of our Vocational Students that say ***Thank You*** for your support!

Michael (age 16) is a true orphan as both of his parents died in 2005. He and his younger brother have been at the Children's Home since then. Michael is proud to be taking auto mechanics classes.



Introducing Ma, Thia, Sawm and Cawi:

Ma's (age 16) father died when she was 7 years old and was abandoned by her mother and aunt. She has been at the Children's Home since 2008. Ma is taking sewing classes.

Thia's (age 17) father died from HIV, and her mother now has the disease. She and her younger sister have been at the Children's Home since 2005. Thia is taking sewing classes and basic computer courses. Sawm (age 16) is from the Chin state and her parents could not afford to take care of her. In 2007 she arrived on the door step after travelling for three days on foot and four days by bus. Sawm is taking sewing classes.

Cawi (age 17) lost both of her parents and has been at the Children's Home since 2006. Cawi is taking sewing classes.

The sewing machines were provided by Hopeful Hearts.