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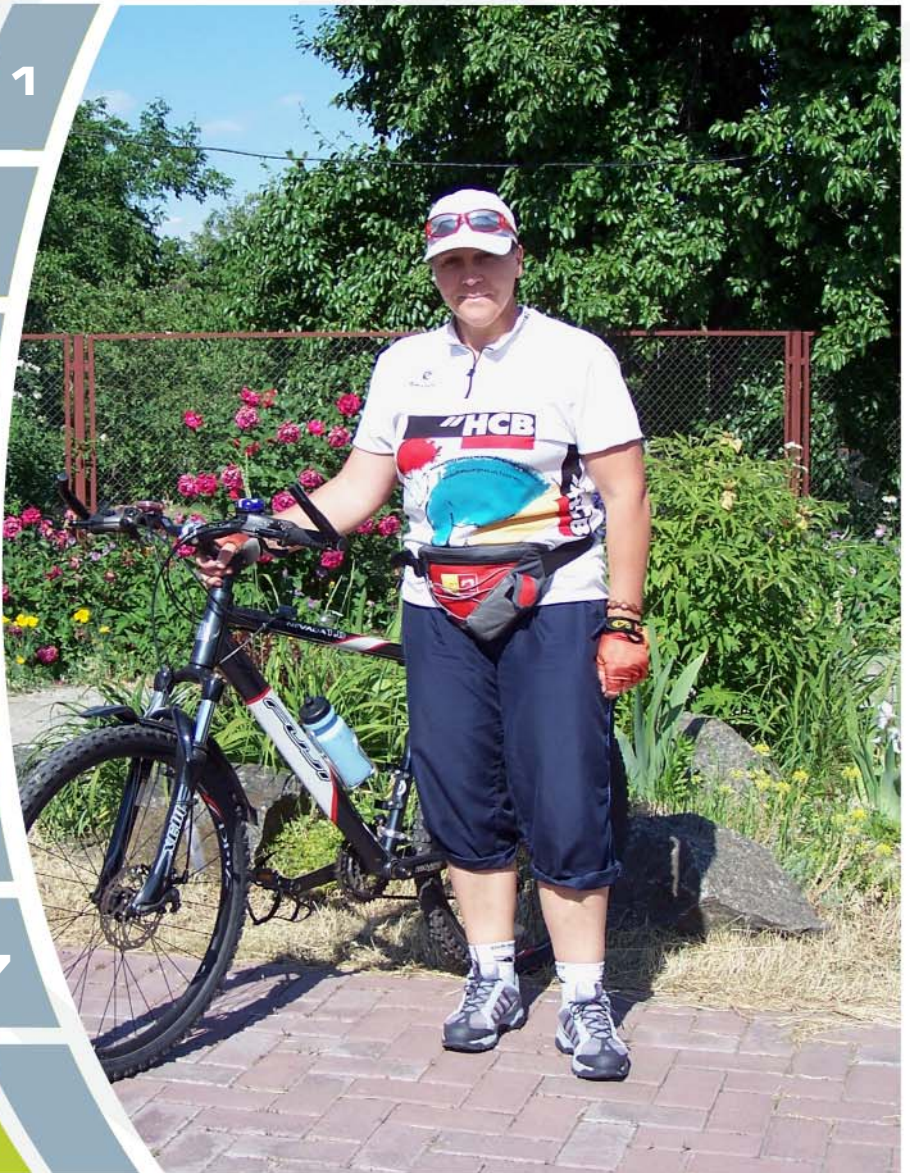
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Dear Partner in Hope,

As I write to you today I am still reflecting upon my last visit to Ukraine, where along with Valerie and Jenny I was able to visit several village churches, the Daycare Centre for disabled, the Cherkassy Rescue Shelter, the House of Babies and meet with both staff and others that we support. Because we had such a busy schedule the Ukraine staff all came in an hour earlier each day to join us in prayer before we set off on our visits, and on more than one occasion our meetings went on until past 9pm.

I was so encouraged by the meetings we had, many people shared with me that Hope Now under Vic's guidance had made a real difference in their lives, and in the lives of those around them. Churches, families and individuals have been, and indeed still are helped and supported in a variety of ways, and the number of requests we had during our visits could easily have overawed us.

I had to remind myself that the

work we were doing was in fact God's work, not mine, and that He, through the Holy Spirit would guide us, giving us wisdom and discernment for the most pressing needs. To see the joy on the faces of Jenny the supporter and Svieta, mother of the supported family as they met for the first time filled me with such warmth that I knew we were doing God's Will, and that He would provide.

Last month we celebrated



Pentecost, in Paul's letter to the Galatians he reminds us that we would be foolish to try and attain our goals by human efforts, Gal 3:3 because the Holy Spirit is the source of our new life, owing nothing to human efforts. The Spirit produces faith in us enabling us to trust in God, that trust gives us the power to fulfill our mission.

I give thanks that the Lord brings so many people into contact with me through our ministry, that He is using so many of us to continue the work started all those years ago. Started is the key word here, throughout our time in Ukraine we

were presented with a multitude of projects and needs, from new church buildings to nappies for disabled adults. In trying to fulfill these needs we are not only concentrating on the practical tasks, but the spiritual too. The people we serve know that Hope Now is simply God's tool, His hands and feet on earth. By being obedient to His calling we are able to introduce some to the Living God.

Like many before us we are discovering and exercising new gifts through the practical work that we undertake, and I have to say I have been blessed so much by being able to help just a little. In August I will be undertaking my first Life Cycle tour under the leadership of Liena, if you would like to be a part of that why not sponsor me, all of the money raised will be going towards the projects we saw in June. Thank you for your continued support, I pray you will have a very blessed summer.



Jon Budgell
CEO

Remembering the widows

Walk through any village in the Ukrainian countryside and you will see little single storey houses each with a bucket and rope well for a water supply and surrounded by vegetable garden. To western eyes a it can seem picturesque albeit in a somewhat dilapidated sort of way. Here also you will see the Babushkas - 'Grandmothers'. Always with a head scarf, and usually a cheap floral pattern dress and carpet slippers they spend the hot summer days bent over with hoe in hand tending the crops they depend upon to get them through the long hard Ukrainian winter.

Many of these elderly ladies will be widows. They have lost their husbands to war, deportations, smoking, alcohol and the sheer severity of life in Soviet Ukraine. In the years since independence they have lost most of their pensions and seen any savings they may have had destroyed by rampant inflation. Their families have long since moved to the



cities and sometimes they are the only people left living in all but abandoned villages.

In towns, life for widows in grim soviet-era apartment blocks is no easier. Without land to grow vegetables they may have to be on the streets trying to make a few Hryvnias by selling anything they can get hold of. The desperate last resort is begging – kneeling on the ground and holding out a plastic cup in hands gnarled by a lifetime of hard work.

One way that Hope Now helps widows in and around Cherkassy is with their feeding programme. Basic foodstuffs are provided for those most in need.

This is a lifeline for widows with nowhere else to turn.

Perhaps of even greater importance is bringing friendship and happiness to these lonely and often

fearful ladies at the very special Widows and Widowers camps at Kompas Park. Each September we welcome widows and widowers for a time of friendship, fun, Bible teaching, prayer and praise. Volunteers from the UK and America come to help Ukrainian Hope Now staff give these precious people a time of relaxation, spiritual renewal and much, much more. For some of the widows this is the first holiday they have ever had.

This is such a worthwhile ministry, which means so much to the ladies and gentlemen who come to our camps. If you would like to sponsor a widow or widower so they can be blessed by a week at Kompas Park please send a donation to us at the Southampton office. Each £50 received will allow Hope Now to give a needy widow or widower a wonderful week as well as something really special to talk to their neighbours about all winter!



Long term Hope Now Supporter now with her Lord



Margaret Beatrice Almond passed into Glory on 18th May aged 92 years having been supporting Hope Now and her church Above Bar in Southampton for many years since retiring as a teacher. A dedicated member of the newsletter stuffing team she will be sadly missed by us all.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held at Above Bar Church on 31st May where we heard many touching stories from her family.

However she will be remembered not only for her work here in Southampton but in Ukraine too where she has left a legacy to help young people receive an education to improve the quality of their lives.

Would YOU take to the air?

I live in England, but leave my heart in Ukraine, specifically Cherkassy to where I have travelled since February 1998 on 17 different occasions, and I have just returned from what I feel (unless the Lord shows me otherwise) will have been the last time, I am only 81yrs young! However, back problems make it difficult to travel alone.

On the trip I have just done, a young friend from my fellowship, Dan Sayer who has helped me since he was 11 years old fund raise year in year out, came along to see some of the projects we have supported from

Hereford Baptist Church, and I know was deeply moved by all he saw and heard about through Misha's translations, who so kindly transported us everywhere.

Over the years I have seen many changes, all for the better, in the lives of both young and old, and thank God for its beginnings through the vision of his servants Vic and Sue Jackopson, and now with Jon Budgell and his team, also the Board of Hope Now UK who give of their time tirelessly for this kingdom work.

All over the world people are suffering hardship from the failure of some in our society to use money



wisely i.e. the banks, and we are all feeling the pinch, and I know it's all relative, but I was truly humbled by the sacrificial attitude of those in the 2nd Baptist Church of Cherkassy who are reaching out to others who cannot help themselves even though they themselves have so little.

They have found that disabled people do not receive help from the authorities, so many of them never leave their homes as they neither have transport or have access to disabled transport. The church is turning a room into a disabled toilet and shower, where they will do the work on



this themselves. They have got quite a number of wheelchairs, walkers, commodes and pads for incontinent adults and children. The equipment will go out for a small charge, which is returned when people no longer require it. They also make up parcels to take to families including ones specifically for those with a new baby.

Many of these people desire to get to a church and this is impossible at present. They have asked me to raise 10.000 Euros to purchase a vehicle that will be suitable for them to be brought

to the church where they can be blessed by both spiritual guidance, and physical help.

At this point I have received £80 so only £9,920 to go! Can we meet this desperate need? , I will be so grateful for any amount from 5 pence to £5000! I did suggest to my family that I did a Sky Dive; my son however said he would fund raise for me not to! So it looks as though I must rest on the generosity of all who serve our Lord.

Do you feel perhaps your church could do something to raise some

money? I would be so grateful. If anyone can/will help, please send gifts to Jon Budgell clearly marked Disability Vehicle for Cherkassy.

Thank you for taking time to read this appeal, if you cannot give, do pray that there will be many who can, otherwise the Sky Dive might be back on the agenda. HELP!

Love and Blessings to you all in Christ Jesus.

June (Mordey)

Happy Mother's day



Many of you will know that we also work in South Africa, although much smaller than our Ukraine work several young people have been given the opportunity of a new life with education paid for by Hope Now supporters.

Being so far away and expensive to travel to, we have relied very much on one of our supporters now living in South Africa to

oversee the education and livelihoods of these vulnerable young people. Working closely with those we care for inevitably means strong loving relationships are formed.

Margaret Ferguson has given so much of her life and experience to not only supporting our young people there, but becoming a "mum" too. Angelique will be marrying in November, and her mum will be there helping on the day.

This is the note Angelique sent to Margaret that says it all;

"Sorry I couldn't be with you yesterday I have a test tomorrow, therefore I had to prepare but I did think about you and I have a mother's day gift for you as I promised myself to do every year.

God always knows how to make things right and he gives us what we never had: a mother, a daughter.

I also want you to know that I appreciate you always not only on mother's day.

Thank you for being a great mom, I brag to my friends who have their biological parents about you and they all agree that you are a good mother.

Thank you.

Love Angelique"

If any friends old or new would like to send a card or gift you can send it to the office in Southampton and we will arrange delivery for you.

About Lysyanka district

Our childcare officer Larisa has a daughter, Anastasia who loves to share God's Word whenever she can. She encourages a small team of like-minded young people to visit local internats and work with families. Here she shares something of her work in Lysyanka.

"Lysyanka district is a very special district for our team, for we put all our strength into working there throughout the



year. The Apostle Paul teaches us in 2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."

Young teacher of the Bible Tanya is a girl of 15. She is from Boozhanka village. When I met her for the first time she was introduced as Motorna (that means Energised) then she explained to me that it was her surname. In spite of her young

age she has enough energy and enthusiasm to be a leader in the team, to evangelize and to be a part of our missionary team. She has a strong desire to serve God and to study his Word.

I call my work with the young leaders "Bible school of Leadership 28:18" (Matthew), and from time to time I give homework to the leaders to see how they study the Bible, and according to this they receive different roles in the different projects we

are involved in.

Tanya's homework was to search 1st and 2nd Timothy (about Paul and Timothy) and she did it far better than I thought she would.

Her next homework assignment was connected with her bad mood! Our "Energised" girl phoned me and said she was bored alone at home, so I suggested she found out from the Bible



everything she could about John the Baptist and compare his life with hers. Tanya did that having spent 5 hours researching the Bible in preparation for a study. At our next camp we started to study the Gospel of John, and now Tanya has in her village two pupils with whom she meets and discusses what she learned from her study.

Please pray for Tanya and her mother, who had an operation on the 28th of March and is still recovering.





Searching for a sponsor for work with children from Shpola internat

Dear Jon, you know that for a long time with the help of Hope Now my friends and I work and share the Gospel in Shpola internat. It is good to see that God provided us with some fruit, for example Pasha Zaritsky, Ivan Makarov and Alexander (Sasha) Mikhadyuk became Christians (from Cornah House for boys). This year I filled in all the necessary documents to take care of two boys and take them home for weekends and



holidays. I've chosen these two boys as they attended our Bible classes when we were visiting the internat. Kolya repented this Christmas, Sasha is a little

bit younger and still has many questions. After I started to take Kolya and Sasha home I was able see a real difference in their behaviour, and in their classmates and teachers too (they started to pray and to study the Bible with other children from the internat). This practice is very good as even living in the orphanage children may see a different way of living, attend church and study the Bible in a Christian family, learn to cook and find good friends. Besides this they go to all the evangelistic projects with our team and learn what it means to follow Jesus.

I would like to continue this work and it can be more effective with your help (our government does not give financial support for this kind of care). The needed financial support is

50 Pounds a month for one child.

Dear Jon, it is very important for when these children after weekends go back to the internat others may see the difference and ask to bring them the Bible or to take them to church. It is a good opportunity to take them out of that atmosphere of a smoky orphanage.



There are many girls in that orphanage who smoke and do not see there the example of modesty. When we visit the internat we have only two hours, but when we take them home we live together for 2 days or more and it is much more effective to be influential. Is it at all possible that you can find someone to help us in this work?

May God bless you.
Your sister in the Lord **Anastasia Vovk**

Sunday 31st	July 2011	Contact us: UK	Friday 1st	Saturday 2nd
Pray for many small churches whose Pastors have to work full time as well as lead their churches. Also for the Summer Day camp being held at First Baptist Church from tomorrow.	<p>Newsletter contacts</p> <p>Editorial: Jon Budgell</p> <p>jon@hopenow.org.uk www.hopenow.org.uk</p>	<p>Hope Now International Head Office Malvern Centre, Malvern Road Southampton SO16 6PY.</p> <p>Tel: 023 80 780 720 Fax: 02380 510 680</p>	Thank God for all the ways he blesses this ministry, for our supporters, for our volunteers and for the opportunities to share about the Good News of Jesus and our ministry in churches and schools.	Give thanks that Ashley Baptist Church have now twinned with First Baptist Church in Cherkassy, and that the two churches will be able to grow together through prayerful support.

Sunday 3rd	Monday 4th	Tuesday 5th	Wednesday 6th	Thursday 7th	Friday 8th	Saturday 9th
Pray for Dee Ewart, one of Hope Now's Directors, that she can receive the right help and medication as she battles against cancer	Pray for Jon as he returns to work from holiday, for space to sort through accumulated emails/letters that have come in whilst he was away	For the Bible School Administrator Valentina Kurat as she enables the smooth running of the Bible School	For Andrey Boyko and his family as they grieve the recent loss of his mother in law and balance the work of Kompas Park, running the small church and building his own home.	Pray for sufficient funds to come in to enable us to have full camps for the children and widows at Kompas Park.	For those churches visited last month by Jon, Valerie and Jenny, that they may have been encouraged and that future partnerships may be formed.	Pray for Tamara and Ludmilla, as they balance the books in the Ukrainian office making sure all finances are in order

Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th
For Jon as he trains for his first year of joining the Life Cycle Tour next month, also that he can raise enough sponsorship to cover the cost of 20 riders, support vehicles and accommodation.	Pray for Lidia Galchenko and her ministry of taking Christian Ethic lessons into the Cherkassy schools, also that the children will be attentive during her lessons.	Pray for Jon and the Directors as they meet tonight, especially as they need to agree the accounts for 2010	For Myroslava, the director of the Cherkassy Rescue Shelter, the staff and the thirty plus children currently staying there	For the wives of the Bible School students as they support their husbands during their two year study programme	Pray for Dima and Svieta Arkhipushkin as they strive to build a church in the village of NoveZhyttia and await the arrival of their third child	Pray for the Daycare Study Centre for the disabled and the director Taisia as she considers ways to improve the service she offers to these most needy people

Sunday 17th	Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd	Saturday 23rd
Pray for the team from Godstone Baptist Church along with Steffi, Alison and Daniel as they travel to Kompas Park to serve for a week at the childrens camp.	Pray for Jon and Brenda as they work in the Southampton office seeking to serve God in all aspects of their work. Also for Bev as she discerns where God is leading her to serve in the future.	For the House of Babies in Cherkassy and the 106 young children in care at this time. May the Lord bless each child with a loving Christian home.	For Vic as he celebrates his 70th birthday today, that he may have a memorable time with Sue and his family.	Pray for our Hope Now supported students as they begin their summer break and many will be involved in helping to run church camps	Pray for Margaret Ferguson and her work with the students in her care in South Africa, also for Angelique as she plans her wedding day and continues her studies.	For the football team from Above Bar Church, Southampton along with Dan and Alex as they travel to Kompas Park to help run the football camp for a week.

Sunday 24th	Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th	Saturday 30th
For more funds to become available to encourage the growing village churches.	For more U.K. churches to be willing to 'Twin' with Ukraine Churches to encourage them through fellowship and prayer.	For Nadya who organises and runs the childrens camps at Kompas Park.	Pray with First Baptist Church who meet every Wednesday at 6.00pm for spiritual revival in the town of Cherkassy	Pray for the young people staying in Swindon and Cornah Houses and cared for by Larisa and Victor.	For wisdom for the Tutors of the Bible School as they give Pastoral care to the students.	For the team from Hereford Baptist Church and Lorri as they travel to Kompas Park to help with the English Teaching camp.