

END OF THE YEAR REPORT

JANUARY 2012

In the year 2011 we have added **two children into our foster families**. These former orphans received not only physical comfort of a warm house, food and clothing, but also a sense of stability, protection and most of all Love.

During this past year one girl from our transitional program graduated from trade school and found a job. Another boy from a foster family graduated from trade school and works now. Our children don't just grow up and leave, they become fully productive citizens, responsible adults and can alter the generational regress that stunts Ukraine right now. We are offering hope to this young generation and in the business to make it reality.

As our foster children age out and move on with their lives, we are dedicated to place more children into our loving care. With your continuous and faithful support we plan to add 12 more children in the year 2012.

We also added another abandoned baby ward in one of the Simferopol hospitals. A worker now cares for several more babies and toddlers who have been left by their parents either on the street or right there at the hospital. We provide all necessities for them: formula, diapers, clothes, toys and bedding.

In 2011 we received donations **from nearly 200 individuals and organizations**.

VISION

MI has a vision for the future.

The challenge is significant to say the least. All the hopes and dreams we have for our own children are far beyond the wildest imagination of thousands of Ukrainian children and youth. They are simply thrust into a struggle for existence. Many may never again experience a consistently safe environment, let alone the love and compassion of a nurturing family. Their world becomes a harsh hierarchy, where any substance or pleasure that might temporarily alter their hopeless reality is bought, sold and used as currency. The young learn from the teenage veterans, rapidly erecting emotional barriers to stay alive.

As our first ministry outreach, Project Sasha started in the 90s as a soup kitchen to feed the children and teenagers from the streets and be their friend and advocate. We continue to serve these abandoned, neglected and abused kids with basic needs and

listen to their stories. Our workers are there to help them and guide them out of the vicious cycle. We try to turn their stories of tragedy, loneliness and desperation to stories of hope, love and the future.

Through a loving Ukrainian [Project Compassion](#) staff, abandoned babies are held daily. Their basic needs like nourishing food, clean clothing, medicine and a gentle touch are provided. We also seek to place these babies and young children into foster or adoptive care.

The Foster parents of [Dyetski Dom](#) provide a safe home with a Christian environment for as many as ten children. The children receive the best blessing ever — a home with Mom and Dad. They also experience the love of a Heavenly Father. The opportunity is massive. These are lives that can be completely remolded to the image of Christ. They can go on and continue to spread the love of God as they grow up into productive adults, knowing the salvation of God and the love of His Church.

Without support however, the impact we can make is a fraction of the need. Children on the streets and in state facilities of the Ukraine exist in utter hopelessness. They know the coming day will be filled with anxiety, insecurity and danger. They believe life has abandoned them and they have little chance of recovery. Without the help of people like us, they are sadly correct. Any gift could exponentially change the life of a child. All we need to transform these buildings of brick and mortar into homes of love and safety is financial support. Mulberry is committed to consistently building in to the Ukrainians a vision that is full of God's love and His provision. It is by this that we know this to be lasting work. As the families see the unconditional love and compassion through your gifts, they will be transformed from within. In a place where destitution abounds, Mulberry International is beginning to shine like a light set on a hill.

Please help us today.

Your decision could mean the difference between an eternity of joy or despair. We believe you will do whatever you are able.

FAMILY LINKS

Mulberry is supporting six foster families and two transitional living homes. The foster families include large family-type homes with as many as ten foster children and traditional foster families that may have one foster child. All of the foster families include biological children. Currently, we have twenty children living in foster homes in Simferopol, and twenty-seven living in Evpatoria.

The transitional living homes are for children who are ready to leave their life on the streets. They are allowed to live with a Mulberry staff member as long as they agree to live by the rules. The rules include attending school, getting vocational training and attending church and a bible study. These families are intentionally smaller.

The Goryainov family was the first large family type foster home registered under the Dyetski Dom foundation. There are nine children.



The Gudvil family lives in a rented home in Simferopol. There are currently eight children.



The Matzevich family is the largest with ten children. They live in Dyetski Dom, in unit number two.



The Chernov family currently has eight children. They live in Dyetski Dom, as well, in unit number three.



The Shalbetsky family has twelve children and lives in a small house in Simferopol.



The Tzarizton family has three children. This traditional foster family also lives in Simferopol.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Wisdom for staff and leadership for the future vision of the ministry
Strength and wisdom for our foster parents and national staff
Children's spiritual transformation
Emotional, psychological, and physical health for the children we serve
Funding to expand the ministry

Ministry Needs:

Van for Chernov family
Funds for add 12 more children in our foster program in 2012
Socks, underwear, school supplies ([contact us for a more detailed list](#))

Short-term needs (mission trips):

Foster parent training and encouragement
Vacation Bible School
Camps
Work projects (light construction etc.)

As of 12-31-2011 we have 11 parents, one hospital worker, two transitional workers, two administrative staff and 6 support staff. All of them are Ukrainian nationals

Donate Now

The need in Ukraine is large and we hope you will catch our vision and join us in supporting the work of Mulberry International Children's Ministries. We depend on your support to fuel programs that change communities throughout Ukraine.

No gift is too small if it is used to change a life for eternity.

Help Us Grow

Our goal is to grow each of our ministries to reach more orphans. Your contribution will translate into another child being placed either in a foster or transitional family, and having someone provide for their needs. Over 80% of our funds go directly to Ukraine to be spent on those children and families. All of our staff work hands on with children and families in need.

Special Projects

There are always special projects that need one-time gifts. Please contact us about these opportunities.

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