

# MULBERRY INTERNATIONAL

## For such a time as this...

Esther 4:14 tells us how a lowly Jewish woman was called to play a role in God's plan to save her people from destruction by being in the right place at the right time.

God has been guiding us to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine by refocusing our vision and changing the leadership of the ministry.

We would like to announce our new Executive Director, Natasha Reimer, a native Ukrainian, who has been with Mulberry for over

ten years and stepped in to lead the ministry during such turbulent times in Ukraine.

We are saying good-bye to Rachel Cothron after two years with the ministry. She writes: *"It has been my honor and joy to partner with you in ministering to the at-risk children in Ukraine. God is leading me in a new direction to become a full-time organic farmer with my husband. I cannot thank you enough for all the support, trust, and encouragement you have shown me!"*

Jody Hesler, the original director and co-founder of the ministry, has joined the Board as the Chairman! She brings not only the new vision but also the experience of building up local communities torn by wars and conflict.

We would also like to welcome another Ukrainian to our Board! Pastor Pavel Barko, who is planting Ukrainian churches in the US, is helping us connect with ministry partners in Ukraine and across the US.



Natasha Reimer, Executive Director:

*My service with Mulberry International for the last 10 years spanned from Development to the Board position and now to the role of the Executive Director. I am honored to lead the ministry in my home country and to my people to accomplish His purposes. During this time of turmoil in Ukraine, the need is the greatest, but also the soil is the ripest. I am excited to see God's work unfolding!*

"I am thrilled that the Mulberry International board has selected Natasha Reimer to direct its operations in Ukraine and Crimea. She grew up in Crimea and has no language barrier as Russian is her native language. She is well prepared and uniquely qualified to serve in the important role to which she has been called. The ministry of Mulberry International needs the experience and cultural awareness that Natasha brings to the position. I commend Natasha to you without any reservation and with great confidence and excitement!"

- Keith P. Keeran, PhD, Chancellor at Kentucky Christian University, Founder of Crimean-American College, Crimea



JODY HESLER, BOARD CHAIRMAN



NATASHA AND HER FAMILY



PAVEL BARKO, BOARD MEMBER

# THEY NEED YOUR HELP!



## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. PRAY
2. GIVE
3. REFER US TO PARTNERS

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## Our New Vision

Since the armed conflict began in Eastern Ukraine about a year ago, the country is experiencing the worst humanitarian crisis since World War II! During this conflict, about **6,000 people** have been killed, mostly civilian, and more than **one million** are displaced. About **1.7 million** children have been affected by the fighting, including more than a thousand seeking refuge in bare cold basements and bomb shelters as we write this.

Mulberry International is expanding its ministry to various parts of Ukraine to help refugees and internally displaced people (IDP) with basic needs (food, medicine, clothing) and to reach multi-generational families with the message of hope and God's love. We are setting

partnerships with local churches and organizations to be hands and feet of Christ to the ones who lost homes, family members and hope. We also continue to minister to abandoned children in Crimea and support our foster and adoptive families now in two countries: Ukraine and Russia.

We ask for your prayers and support to enable us to give tangible help to more people left with no means of supporting themselves, shattered hope, gripping fear and battered souls. Your donation as little as \$15 will provide for one IDP family for a week! As we care for these families, we pray for them and share the Good News they've been so hungry to hear. **Join us to make an eternal impact on these families now!**