

A Home for Every Orphan



Real Life Stories and Your 2011 Annual Report “Providing A Home for Every Orphan”

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This 2011 report tells stories of orphans whose lives were transformed—who found hope when there was none—thanks to you.

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From the Executive Director

It has been a wonderful year of growth for Doorways to Hope as we have focused on supporting adoption and foster care of children within their native nation. Adoption in any form, whether international or domestic, is a beautiful response to God’s call to care for orphans. At Doorways to Hope, we believe that national adoption—orphans finding caring homes in their own countries—is the most effective long-term solution for providing permanent homes for the 163,000,000 children that currently populate the orphan nation. It is also generally the most economical. In Russia and Ukraine, for example, international adoption often costs 96 times more than domestic placement. This year, **thanks to your support**, we surpassed our expectations to fund programs and projects that provide support for Russian and Ukrainian adoptive and foster families.



Please read on to page four of this report to learn more about how Doorways to Hope, along with our partners, was able to provide loving homes for orphans in Eastern Europe.

Thank you for caring about orphans!

Gratefully,

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Alexander's Story:

A life transformed by the love of a family

From the time he was three or four, Alexander's mother sent him to the streets of Mariupol, Ukraine to beg for money to feed her addiction to alcohol. By the time he was five, Alexander was also an alcoholic. Alexander learned to call the street his home and eventually didn't even know where to find his mother. At age 15, Alexander had never been to a day of school, didn't know how to write his name, and had never slept in a bed of his own.

Pastor Gennady Makhnienko literally “found” Alexander on one of his many rounds of the Mariupol streets. Pastor Gennady and his wife Yelena have officially fostered or adopted 29 children in addition to raising three biological children. (The commitment to fostering a child in Ukraine is nearly the same as an adoption, as the government views foster care as a permanent placement.) Pastor Gennady and Yelena demonstrate a superhuman drive and passion for assisting parentless children, a commitment that can only be explained by their abundant faith that God will provide for them and their many children.

When we first met the Makhnienko family, they had been living in two separate houses 30 minutes apart. Their larger house was the size of a typical American living room and had no indoor bathroom.

Alexander lived as an “unofficial resident” at this house; Pastor Gennady and Yelena were unable to officially adopt or foster him because they couldn't meet the government's square footage requirements. Unless Alexander was officially adopted or fostered by the time he is 17, he would be declared an orphan by the government for the rest of his life. All forms of his identification and official papers would be stamped “ORPHAN,” a title that carries with it significant prejudice within Ukrainian society, making it nearly impossible for him to attend school or get a decent paying job.



Thanks to your efforts, the Makhnienko family was able to purchase a brand new home for less than it would cost to repair the other ones! Alexander has now been legally recognized as a member of the family and will no longer face the stigma of being an orphan. THANK YOU!

A Partnership: *A Home for Every Orphan*

Doorways to Hope, in collaboration with our national partners, placed **969 children** in loving Christian homes in the former Soviet Union in 2011!

HOW DOORWAYS TO HOPE MADE THIS HAPPEN IN 2011:

- Promoted adoption movements in Russia and Ukraine in partnership with the Alliances for Ukraine Without Orphans and Russia Without Orphans through conferences, seminars, DVDs, TV programs and other media
- Linked orphans in Russia and Ukraine with prospective adoptive and foster families
- Provided training, counseling and encouragement through an Orphan Hotline and in many other ways to adoptive and foster families
- Assisted families who foster and adopt to have a home where the children can live
- Provided a multitude of resources for families who adopt and foster, through the 1,000 resources in the Orphan Directory
- Worked with government, social and other spheres to enable more orphans to find caring homes
- Conducted ongoing research on orphans and how to best help
- Reached out to provide better care for children still in orphanages

Doorways Partners Around the Globe:



- CoMission for Children at Risk (USA)
- Peter Deyneka Russian Ministries (USA)
- Risknetwork (Russia)
- Orphans Initiative (Russia)
- Family Fund (Russia)
- Light of Love (Russia)
- Mercy Ministries (Russia)
- International Leadership Development Center (Ukraine)
- Ukraine Without Orphans (Ukraine)
- You Will Be Found (Ukraine)
- Pilgrim Charitable Fund (Ukraine)

The Isaevs: One Family Helped by Your Generosity



The Isaev family made history in Ukraine by being the first family to adopt an HIV positive child. Since their initial adoption, the Isaevs have adopted eight more children, six of whom are HIV positive. Through donations from Doorways to Hope and partners like you, the Isaevs were able to insulate their house, expand their kitchen to DOUBLE the original size, and remodel the hallway and the girl’s bedroom. Evgeny and Sveta Isaev and their nine children are so grateful—they will be warm this winter and years to come!



Sasha (above right), lovingly adopted into the Isaev family, has Stage Four AIDS. She has outlived all the doctors’ prognoses and continues to bring joy to the family!

Lena’s Story:

The Tragic Fate of an Orphan Who Never Received a Loving Family

Lena and her older sister Natasha were brought to the orphanage as small children because their mother was mentally unstable and unable to care for them. Lena spent her childhood in orphanages, without the love of a family. At the age of 16, she aged out of the orphanage system and went to live in government-provided dormitories. For almost two years she lived in the run-down government dorms with one dirty toilet and no shower for over 30 orphan girls. At the end of two years, Lena aged out of the government dorms. With no place to go, she began living on the streets and bouncing from man to man, becoming increasingly caught up in a life of alcohol and drugs and prostitution. At the age of 18, Lena became pregnant. She carried the boy to term, and when he was born refused to look at him, asking that he be given directly to the orphanage.

Today, she is pregnant with her second child and will most likely give this child to the orphanage as well. Watching Lena’s life is painful—she is such a distinct picture of what happens to so many orphans when they stay in the orphanage system, and when they grow up without a family. Lena’s life begs the question—how would she have turned out differently had a loving Christian family adopted her when she was five, or eight, or 12?



When children like Lena age out of the orphanage system, the statistics are grim:

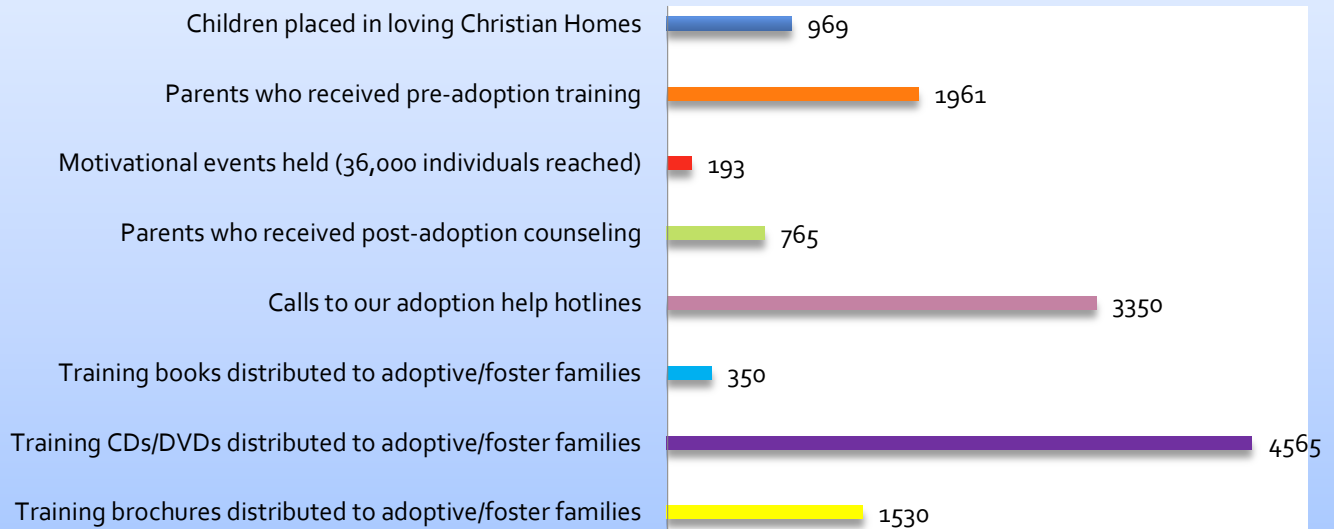
- 30% become addicted to drugs or alcohol in their first year on their own
- 40% of the boys end up in jail
- 50% of the girls become involved in prostitution
- 10% of the orphans commit suicide

It doesn’t have to be like this—because people like you care, the children waiting to be adopted CAN find forever families!



2011 Outcomes and Accomplishments:

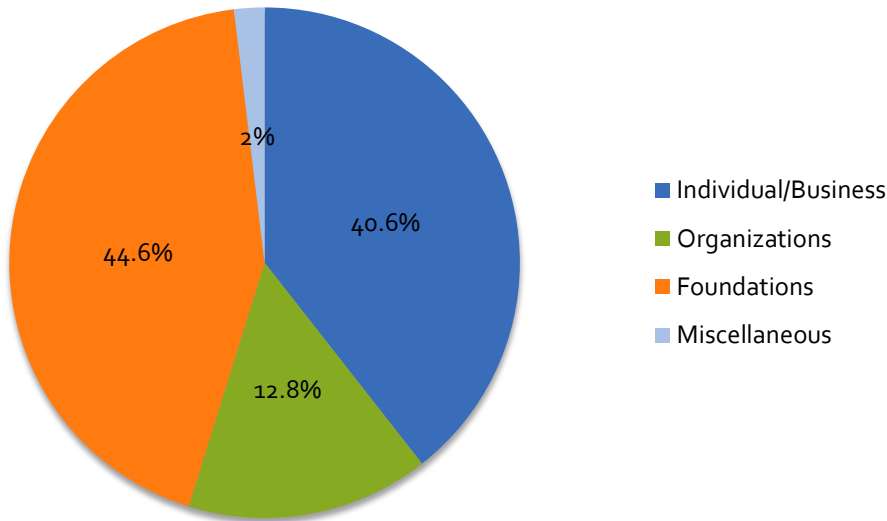
Number of Children and Families Helped in 2011:



"When I was at the orphanage, I dreamed about a family and even prayed to God even though I didn't know if He existed or not. I prayed that I would have a big family and a big home. And the Lord heard my prayer and gave me everything I dreamed of." - Igor, age 14

2011 FY Financial Overview

Sources of Funding

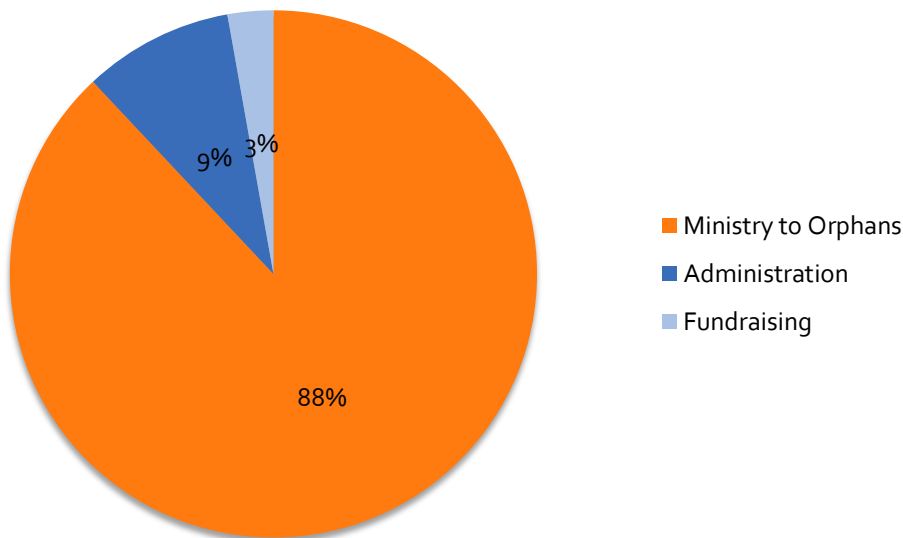


DID YOU KNOW?

There are currently 163,000,000 ORPHANED CHILDREN in the world.

If these children were counted as a single nation, they would comprise the SEVENTH LARGEST nation in the world.

Uses of Funding



FY 2011 Financial Statement (10/1/10- 09/30/11)

Revenue	\$112,089	Change in Net Assets	\$32,024
Expense	\$ 80,065	Net Assets, End of Year*	\$37,980

*includes funding designated for Ministry to Orphan programs in FY 2012

Joining Hands to Help

Orphan Nation Fun Run

On July 16, 2011, advocates from around the U.S. as well as the UK, Korea and Afghanistan ran a 5K wearing Orphan Nation t-shirts.

The goal of this event was to run in honor of the children who are currently orphans with the hope that by raising awareness for their plight, some day they will be adopted by a loving family!

The first ever annual Fun Run was a great success and we look forward to adding new teams in 2012.



Ways People Helped in 2011:

- * Donations of \$39 a month for one year provided an orphaned child with a loving family.
- * An expanding orphan prayer network linked people to pray for orphans in Russia and Ukraine and offered special opportunities for children to pray for children.
- * Doorways to Hope’s circle of Home for Every Orphan advocates subscribed to our blog, Facebook and Twitter accounts and shared updates with friends and family.

How YOU Can Help in 2012:

- * Set up automatic donations today at doorwaystohope.org. Or send your donations to: Doorways to Hope, P.O. Box 34628 #37939, Seattle WA 98124-1628
- * Join the Orphan Prayer Movement to receive weekly updates at www.homeforeveryorphan/pray
- * Become an Orphan Advocate—write us to learn how at: info@doorwaystohope.org

It only costs \$39 a month for one year to provide an orphaned child with a loving family in their own country!

Thank you for partnering with us to provide loving Christian homes for almost 1000 children this past year. We look forward to continuing to serve orphans together with you!

