



ORPHANS' MINISTRY  
«MY HOME»

# *Report on activities of Kherson Regional Orphans' Ministry "My Home" for 2015*

*Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.  
(T. Roosevelt)*



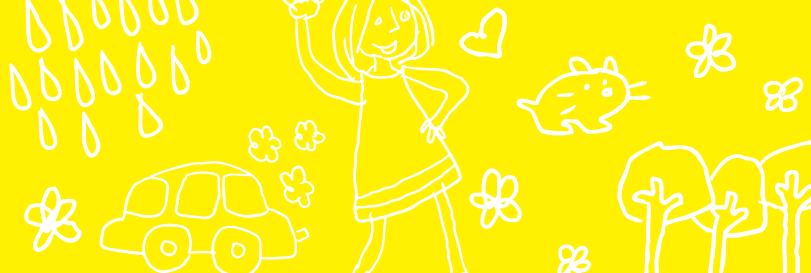
# Kherson Regional Orphans' Ministry "MY HOME"



**Our dream is for every child  
in Ukraine to find a family, and for children who  
already have it to be truly happy.**

**Remembering our work together in 2015 we thank  
God who has given inspiration to everyone who took part  
in our ministry with offerings, their own resources and  
prayer support!**

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



In 2015 twenty-three children were placed in loving families.

86 families, members of the Ministry, received financial, methodical and legal assistance.

19 graduates of orphanages went through and continue to go through social adaptation in Christian Center of Family and Parenthood Development.

200 orphans and children deprived of parental care from orphanages received help.

300 team members, foster families, government institutions and social organizations received knowledge related to helping orphans and their families

**Adoption of one child will not change the world but the world will definitely change for one child!!!**



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**Family is a small part, a cell of a living organism that is called the state.**



In 2015, we continued to walk towards our common goal together with you. Namely, we developed various forms of national family placement for orphans and children deprived of parental care, provided professional assistance to foster families, grew together spiritually, promoted adoption and involved even more people in this process.

All these activities are currently very important and top-priority.

## Providing financial, methodical and charitable assistance to families of the Ministry:

1. 86 families, members of the Ministry, received monthly financial assistance;
2. Families of the Ministry with urgent requests received assistance in medical diagnosis and treatment;
3. In partnership with the “Light of Ressurrection” mission 13 families received assistance in buying coal and firewood, urgent medical aid (purchase of medications);
4. A mini-project “Helper-outer” started working to collect, exchange and use children’s clothes, furniture, toys and household items.
5. To continue the Ministry’s good traditions we had round tables, during which the participants exchanged their parenting experience, communicated with parents who decided to serve orphans for the first time. In 2015, there were two events like this.
6. Joint vacation of children and parents (kayaking, extreme tourism) helped to strengthen relationships in families.
7. Bright Christmas celebration united everyone in joy and love.





## In 2015, informative and educational activities with foster families included:

- Workshops for parents dealing with home schooling of children, legal education;
- Counseling dealing with legal support of the process of adoption, remedial teaching, individual education of children with special needs;
- Trainings for foster parents, professionals of various state and public structures, who take care of orphans and children deprived of parental care and their families dealing with the following topics:
  - “How to build relationship with adopted children: when the past of foster parents influences upbringing of a child with a history of trauma” with the participation of international trainer and expert David Little (USA)
  - “How to mobilize community resources to provide comprehensive services to children and adults with special needs” with Lyle and Quetta Halik (Canada) as speakers.
  - “Key aspects of helping orphans” with speakers from the International Center of Development and Leadership (ICDL)
- Education of foster families during two-day training at ICDDL: “Help during acute emotional states. How to help children and families heal from trauma”.





- On-site training in the village of Gornostayevka “Pedagogical correction of aggressive behavior in children”.



**A significant event of 2015 was the opening of “Christian Center of Family and Parenthood Development” on August 7**



**For God nothing is impossible, that's why dreams came true in one year.**

## **“Christian Center of Family and Parenthood Development” is a modern complex for living, leisure and education of parents, children and graduates of orphanages.**

On the base of the Center there is a six-room and two three-room apartments, they are home for families with children who have been adopted or fostered. Twelve orphanage graduates, including those with special needs, live in three one-room apartments.

Under the care of families and mentors young boys and girls have the opportunity to adapt to adult independent life.

Foster families with many children who live in the Center are an example and model of family relationship, attitude to maternal and parental responsibilities and of building relationships with others in life in general.

Mutual help and support based on Christian ethics become models of life with love and the Lord in your heart.

Program of socialization for each student involves trainings to overcome the consequences of trauma, studying the Word of God, joint planning of personal budget, legal education, formation of the standard of healthy habits, cooking classes and master classes on cleaning and washing, health care, care for clothing and footwear, joint outdoor and on-site activities, excursions, sports entertainment. This should help young men and women become independent later in life.

Currently, 19 young people have been through and continue to undergo social adaptation in the Center.



**«Whoever receives this child in My Name, receives Me...»** (Bible, Luke 9:48)



**200 orphans and children deprived of parental care in orphanages received various kinds of help.**

**In 2015 babies, orphans from Kherson Regional Baby Orphanage received much needed gifts:**

- together with our partners we purchased physiotherapy equipment;
- teaching aids for sensory development of children were purchased;
- food and fruit were purchased;
- three trash pickups from the territory of the orphanage were financed.

## Children from Tsyurupinsk orphanage were under constant care of the Ministry throughout 2015:

- together with the “Agape” mission we had four Birthday Child Days;
- Easter puppet theatre performance with gifts from the “Samaritan’s Purse” once again brought joy to students of the orphanage;
- we organized a trip for children from Tsyurupinsk and Regional orphanages to an Easter performance in the Church of Christians in Kherson;
- we provided assistance in arranging of housing for a graduate and remodeling of a children’s group #1;
- we provided legal assistance in completion of paperwork and placement for two orphans, graduates of the orphanage.



**«We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop on the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop»**

(Mother Teresa)



In 2015 about 300 residents of Kherson, Kherson and Kiev regions and Crimea visited events organized by the Ministry's team.



### **Our social partners:**

- Pastors and church ministers;
- People who would like to become a friend and mentor for an orphan;
- Employees of services for children, families and youth;
- Social workers of all services and agencies of the Department of Social Policy;
- Employees of departments of education in Kherson region working with families in crisis and families where foster children live;
- Members of public organizations for people with disabilities and volunteer groups working in orphanages.

## Lord helps with the hands of people...

- The Ministry's employees visited the military in the area of ATO three times and provided assistance with clothes, food, personal care products, fuel and building materials.
- Together with the volunteer organization "Our soldier" we purchased a "Niva" car for the military and the necessary spare parts for it.
- Together with young residents of "Christian Center of Family and Parenthood Development" we visited soldiers wounded during the ATO in military hospitals. We prepared sweet gifts and medical supplies for them.
- Over a hundred people from the category of refugees and low-income families received humanitarian aid in the form of clothes and shoes, legal assistance, financial help, including medical expenses, payment for housing, transportation and paperwork.




**In order to promote family values the Ministry's team initiated a number of programs on local radio and television with the participation of priests and psychologists from Kherson.**



- Representatives of the Ministry became participants of a television program called "Give light!"
- The Ministry's team took an active part in "Family Day" in Kherson and events dedicated to the Day of Prayer for Orphans on November 8.
- Members of the Board of Trustees of "My Home" participated in the events held by Kherson regional and district administrations dealing with the issues of orphans and children deprived of parental care.
- In 2015 we prepared and published a number of promotional materials about the Ministry's activities; we published a brochure called "Diary of a foster mother" containing a living testimony of one of the Ministry's families.
- In the reporting period employees of the Ministry went through a training calling "Improving the efficiency of staff";
- All the team studied hard, two of our employees got certification in a training program for Christian coaches on the subject of "Key aspects of helping orphans", organized by the Alliance "Ukraine without orphans" and ICDL;



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- Three of our employees went to a two-day training “Help during acute emotional states. How to help children and families heal from trauma”
  - The Ministry’s team became a member of the training called “How to mobilize community resources to provide comprehensive services to children and adults with special needs” with the participation of international trainers and experts.

***We aim the results of improving our knowledge at creating conditions for exchanging information on the necessity of helping orphans, opportunities for children’s placement in various forms of family upbringing, spiritual revival, educational, correctional development of children, achieving harmony between adoptive and biological children in the family, fruitful cooperation with various NGOs and government agencies.***





## **DEAR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!**

*Despite the raging sea of life, we are in good hands, for “Government shall be upon His shoulders!” The Lord gives us another year, another blank page in our lives, and it is very important to fill it with good deeds for the benefit of orphans.*

*May the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth rest on you, comfort and guide you in every good deed and decision.*

*Let us pray for our spiritual revival in peace, harmony and love.*

*We are looking forward to everyone who will not only be directly involved, but those who can support us in prayer and joint activities.*

*God’s grace and peace to all of you in 2016!*

**With love and hope for future ministry  
to orphans together, “My Home” team**



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