

# THE HOPELESS HAVE HOPE!

## THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE LIFE OR DEATH!



Above Photo: A group of orphans in the Gradizhsk orphanage (Poltava Oblast of Ukraine). These children are being trained in vocational skills needed in Ukraine. Upon their release from the orphanage they will be immediately employable!

The suffering of Job illustrates so many aspects of earthly living. His friend Eliphaz travelled to give him comfort but instead increased Job's misery. A number of truths were stated by Job's friends but these were twisted to communicate the wrong message. Job's friends thought suffering was God's punishment upon the wicked. Thus, if anyone suffered they were being justly punished. This conclusion is totally wrong. One of the truths that Eliphaz observed stated that with God "the helpless has hope, and injustice has shut its mouth" (Job 5:16). The truth teaches that God cares for the vulnerable and will provide means to rectify the injustice.

Oftentimes God's remedy for the helpless hope of the vulnerable is found in the opportunities God opens for His People to seize. It is through His People that God's compassion is tangibly applied.

Here is a brief report on one tangible action that has been seized and is currently active in Ukraine.

Brother Jerry Max Morgan is dear to me. Jerry and I have frozen in -5F weather and roasted in a train compartment with no moving air when it was 95F in Ukraine's July. Jerry has a heart for the Lord's work and has devoted his life to that service. Several years ago, Jerry called me after returning from a trip to Ukraine. He told of visiting an orphanage and upon leaving saw a group of 18-year-old girls sitting at a bus stop. They had been "graduated" from the orphanage and were on their own. After the children turn 18 they can no longer live in the orphanage. Jerry looked at them and asked "Where are they going?" We knew the answer—the orphans leaving the orphanage do not have hope. The girls will go into prostitution (the life expectancy is 18 months). The boys will become the "foot soldiers" of organized criminals (their life expectancy is slim to none as they are "expendable").

Jerry stated, "We are providing food, shoes and clothing to these children, and that is good. BUT what are doing for them after they leave?" It was at that time that the idea of a vocational training program within the orphanages formed. The plan developed to train the children in employable skills that would provide a livelihood upon their "graduation." We are still working on welding training (the plans were disrupted by the criminal obfuscations of Ukraine's government and we could not ship in the training equipment). But Jerry

started with training skills that were practical. Cosmetology, barbering, hair stylists, manicurists, and recently professional massage therapists became a part of the skill-set training offered.

Planning envisions a “halfway” home for these children. This will be a place where they can transition from the orphanage into independent living. These halfway homes will be managed by Christian widows who need a place to live and where they can “mother” these newly independent children. These homes will be a part of local congregations where instruction in the Lord’s Word will be offered the local congregation’s work can be supplemented.

This is an aggressive dream but little-by-little it is developing!

The Bible’s Wisdom observes, “Do you see a person skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure people” (Proverbs 22:29). There is a God-designed purpose for mankind’s work—such makes him productive and confident. A skilled worker has pride in his service. These elements combine to make the worker a positive factor in society for God Almighty.

Here is a brief report on the marvelous efforts to train the orphans in a vocational skill-set that will equip them to become productive citizens and positive influences in the community. Read and find joy in the way several trade schools are now in progress. More are envisioned! Hopefully the criminality of Ukraine’s humanitarian authority structure will be corrected and we can ship in welding training modules as well as other technical supplies!

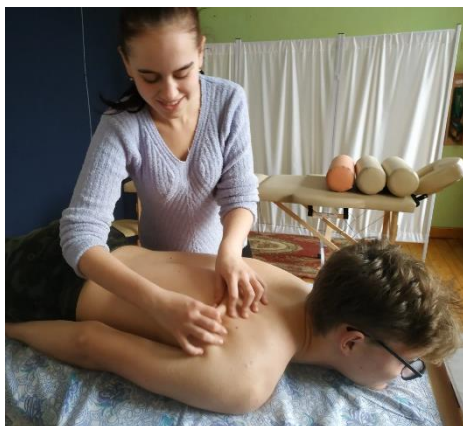
The below is from our dear ANYA NURA! Read and rejoice in the Lord’s mercies that are being shown to these vulnerable children. Through this effort these children are being offered hope! They will have a choice between life or death because the Lord’s People are showing God’s compassion!

From Anya...

I managed to find some pictures of the trade schools in the orphanages.

Firstly, here are photos from **visually impaired orphanage**. If I’m not mistaken, they were the very first to be helped to start something and to actually accomplish good results. This orphanage has most kids with sight issues, some completely blind others with disabilities that have to do with eye-sight and some have issues with mental development, too.

Here the teacher of biology volunteered to learn to do massages, she studied in a medical school in Kremenchuk for several months to be eligible to do massage and teach others. They totally equipped one room with massage chairs, and skeleton and manikins where they could touch bones, muscles, etc. Kids practice on each other now. In the future they will be able to go to a special medical school where they can continue learning massage, or after school/orphanage graduation they can start their own practice.



On the photos you will see actual high school kids making massage. The girl in the grey pullover is Marina, she is blind, this year she will graduate and go to continue education in Genichesk, (South Ukraine), she’ll become a certified nurse with specialization in massage! This is the only higher educational institution in the country that accepts totally blind children.

So, thanks to this trade school program, so many kids will get a chance!! And for many it will become their major profession to make a living!

Here are the photos of the trade school that they had in **Mykulychyn**. They managed to do not only hairdresser’s lessons, but also nail specialists, too. There were ladies who are practicing specialists in this

field and they came to teach kids. These professions are in demand in Ukraine, and you can always learn a lot, pass many extra courses, and if you want and you can literally start working right after you finish school, if your wish. So, it is a great choice of field in the orphanage for sure!



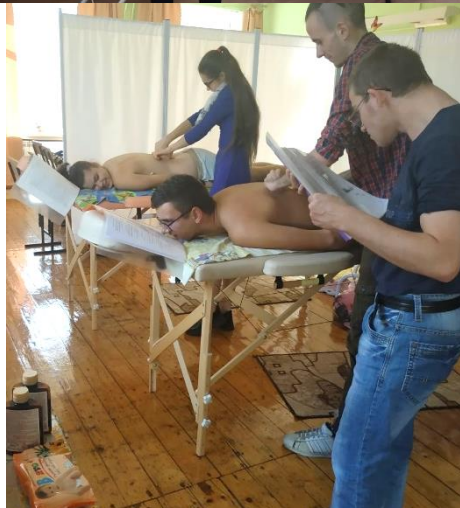
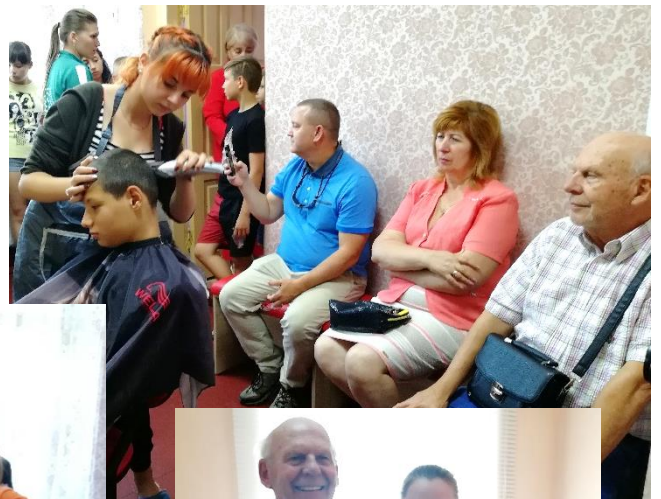
These are photos from **Gradizhsk orphanage**. They have a nice program. They combined programs in the orphanage itself and lessons that are taught by a nail specialist in her own studio. They already have a girl that Jerry saw during one of his visits that received a certificate which allowed to start working in this field. Together with learning manicure/pedicure/nail

dressing, they have a teacher at school that can teach hair dressing. She has many kids who are interested in this, including boys! And they use this trade school to do free haircuts and hair styling to any kid in the orphanage who wants or wishes for one so that's pretty good! Some kids will definitely have this profession! 😊



Here are the photos from **TB orphanages**, they started this trade program later than others, but they decided to help kids get involved in sewing. Firstly, in that area that's in demand, and secondly girls are quite interested in this. They have more plans for future that should include boys, too. So far, they redecorated the room and turned it into the room where you can use sewing machines and iron board. They teach it for different level classes, from middle school to high school. After leaving the orphanage kids can continue studying for a seamstress, or if they

are very good at it, they can start their own practice even working from home, if they have access to sewing machines. If they continue in a higher educational institution (like a government trade school), they will definitely have better accomplishments than other students and can cope faster. After graduating they can have their own business or work at factories. We have several in the area, even in Kremenchuk.



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