

Little Dew Orphanage Ministry

[This ministry is a good example of the partnerships that HART has developed to address the needs of orphans in Ukraine. We've provided this ministry with funds for transportation, gifts for children, supplies for fixing up the orphanage, and also gifted them with a Play-system]

God's touch

In December 2001, the Little Dew Orphanage ministry team was born. Our team consists of 19 students from a Bible college in Lviv. We go to an orphanage in the town of Dobromyl every other Saturday.

The purpose of the ministry is to bring the love of Christ through servanthood and to become their family.

Dobromyl orphanage is located 130 km from L'viv and it has 110 children—ages from 7 through 17 years old.

The orphanage has two parts – school and dormitories. The building itself is over a hundred years old.

The first step we took was to clean the bedrooms. The windows were not washed for three and half years and the beds probably were never washed. It was a good step, which earned us a credibility and trust.

The next step was to help bath the younger children. It was an amazing experience to see them hating to be washed at first - but now enjoying the bathing. We are doing it with love and tenderness—God's touch. One day the Director of the Orphanage commented to us “even my mother never washed me like that.”

The other thing we do is celebrate holidays with them, trying to bring them indi-

vidual gifts. We try to make them Christmas, Easter programs as well as celebrating the graduations and national holidays.

We do dramas, puppets; play sports, different games etc. We spend one hour with them in Bible study having them separated by ages.

It is really great to see their lives changing. We pray to reach not only the children but the staff as well because the real change in the life of the orphanage will occur only if the workers are changed.

Our dream is to make the place a home filled with love and care and warmth. We will appreciate your prayers and support.

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