

SPOTLIGHT

NOW MINISTERING IN 21 ORPHANAGES & CHILDREN'S DEPT OF IZMAIL CITY HOSPITAL

Dear Friend,

Even before Russia's invasion of Ukraine & the war, we were helping the CHILDREN'S DEPT of the IZMAIL CITY HOSPITAL.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPT OF IZMAIL HOSPITAL IS IN THE ODESSA REGION WHICH, OVER THE PAST MONTHS, HAS BEEN A TARGET OF PUTIN'S MISSILE & DRONE ATTACKS



We have been sending desperately-needed medicines & medical supplies to the 21 orphanages we serve and the Children's Dept, Izmail Hospital. Our staff scours pharmacies, buying from the list the head doctor sends us, and then, after collecting what they can, ships them to her.

But, as you can understand, since the war began in February 2022, it has become increasingly harder to find the medicines & antibiotics, & inflation has impacted what we can do (20-30%)...but our staff still manages to find & provide.



ONE OF THE GREATEST NEEDS AMONG THE 21 ORPHANAGES WE SERVE & THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT OF THE IZMAIL HOSPITAL IS FOR MEDICINES & MEDICAL SUPPLIES. THESE PICTURES ARE FROM OUR RECENT HELP TO THE CHILDREN OF IZMAIL HOSPITAL, ODESSA REGION, UKRAINE

We spoke with Doctor Elena Askerova, who is the director of the Children's Department. She is the one who compiles the list of needs they have every two weeks, and sends them to our New Life staffer who lives in Kiev with his family, Vanya Okhlopkov.

She shared that **"IN RECENT YEARS WHEN RUSSIA BEGAN ACTIVELY ATTACKING THE ODESSA REGION WHERE WE ARE LOCATED, OUR CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT IS ALWAYS 100% FULL.**

"MANY TIMES, WHEN RUSSIAN ATTACKS (MISSILES AND DRONES) HAPPEN IN OUR CITY OR NEARBY, WE ARE 140-150% FULL."

"THE SITUATION WITH MEDICINES IS VERY DIFFICULT. THE GOVERNMENT TRIES TO PROVIDE WHAT IT CAN, BUT ALL THE MONEY IS PRIMARILY DIRECTED TO HELP OUR SOLDIERS (THEIR TREATMENT AND MEDICAL CARE). AS A RESULT, WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE MEDICINES WE NEED TO TREAT THE CHILDREN THAT COME.

"BUT WE CAN DO OUR WORK FOR THE CHILDREN WHO NEED US BECAUSE OF ORGANIZATIONS LIKE NEW LIFE MINISTRIES, AS YOU SEND US, REGULARLY (TWICE A MONTH), MEDICINES THAT YOU ACTUALLY GO OUT AND FIND, BUY AND THEN SEND, AND OTHER MEDICAL SUPPLIES WHICH WE DESPERATELY NEED.

"THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT HELP, SOMETIMES A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH, SO THAT OUR CHILDREN CAN RECEIVE ALL THE NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT HELP THEY NEED."

I share this 'behind the scenes' frontline perspective as it is difficult for us to even imagine what these precious Ukrainian people and their children, and what doctors and nurses who depend on our constant support and help, go through on a daily basis due to this war, now in its 4th year!

THANK YOU for PRAYING, and THANK YOU FOR GIVING so that we might help the 21 orphanages we serve and the 100 plus children being treated every day at the Children's Department of the Izmail City Hospital.

Dr. Elena Askerova adds at the end,

"THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSTANT HELP AND SUPPORT. WHEN THERE IS A CONSTANT SHORTAGE OF VARIOUS, CRITICAL MEDICINES BECAUSE OF THE WAR, IT IS YOUR HELP THAT IS THE DECISIVE MOMENT THAT THIS OR THAT CHILD WILL RECEIVE ALL THE MEDICAL CARE AND MEDICINES IN TIME."

With Kind Regards, Greg



WE HAVE BEEN BUYING AND DELIVERING DESPERATELY-NEEDED MEDICINES TO THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT OF THE IZMAIL CITY HOSPITAL IN THE ODESSA REGION OF WAR-TORN UKRAINE



OUR NEW LIFE STAFF SCOURS THE LOCAL PHARMACIES HOPING TO FIND ANTIBIOTICS & OTHER MEDICINES THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL NEEDS



THE DIRECTOR



TWO MOMS WITH THEIR BABIES



THERE IS SO MUCH MORE SHE WANTS TO TELL YOU....

In our interview with the head doctor, Elena Askerova, there was so much more she wanted to tell you and me, those who send the funds to support her and the patients at the Children's Department in Izmail Hospital, Ukraine.

She says, **"THE CIVILIAN POPULATION SUFFERS CONSTANTLY (FROM RUSSIAN MISSILE AND DRONE ATTACKS), ESPECIALLY OUR CHILDREN.**

"AT ONE POINT, WAREHOUSES WITH MEDICINES WAS DESTROYED IN THE REGION AND ALL THE HOSPITALS IMMEDIATELY FELT IT THE NEXT WEEK AS THE SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES, AS IF IT WASN'T BAD ENOUGH, WAS FELT BY EVERYONE.

"Without medicines, it is impossible to effectively provide out children with assistance and treatment.

"If it were not for the help of New Life at such moments, It would really be hard. Now It's not easy, but without your help, it would be so much worse. Thank you so very much for helping as much as you do!"

Our Kiev staff member, Vanya Okhlopkov, and his wife Zhenya, scour the pharmacies in the city and surrounding areas, finding and buying the medicines and medical supplies Elena sends on a list bi-monthly.



ANYA RECEIVING TREATMENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR DELIVERY OF MEDICINES & MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARRIVED AT CHILDREN'S DEPT.



YOUNG UKRAINIAN MOTHER WAITING FOR TREATMENT FOR HER BABY AT CHILDREN'S DEPT. IZMAIL HOSPITAL, ODESSA REGION

They then ship the medicines to her and the Children's Department as it is impossible for them now to travel from Kiev to Izmail, a distance of 361 miles.

But as you can see from the pictures we send, God protects these shipments and they arrive directly to the doctors, nurses and children who desperately need them.

One of her comments that really touched my heart was this: **"THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSTANT HELP AND SUPPORT. WHEN THERE IS A CONSTANT SHORTAGE OF VARIOUS MEDICINES DUE TO THE WAR, IT IS YOUR HELP AT THE DECISIVE MOMENT THAT THIS OR THAT CHILD WILL RECEIVE ALL THE MEDICAL CARE THEY NEED AND MEDICINES ON TIME."**

THANK YOU for your help in providing funding for this and all the other places we are honored to serve ~ 21 orphanages across 5 regions of war-torn Ukraine. As you know, in addition to the Izmail Hospital Children's Department, each orphanage has a nurse on duty and an infirmary and we regularly send medicines they need to them as well.



SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD & HIS WORD WITH ORPHANS IN WAR-TORN UKRAINE