

THE RUSSIANS TRIED TO KIDNAP THESE ORPHANS.... BUT GOD INTERVENED

PSALM 68:5,6 "A FATHER OF THE FATHERLESS AND A JUDGE AND PROTECTOR OF THE WIDOWS, IS GOD IN HIS HOLY HABITATION. GOD MAKES A HOME FOR THE LONELY"

Dear Friend,

As you can imagine, during the over 4 years of the war in Ukraine, we have seen some amazing miracles from the hand & heart of God.

I shared with you some time ago the amazing story of the orphans escaping from the Russian occupied territories in eastern Ukraine to Odessa region & safety, and now we are serving them among the 21 orphanages we currently help..

Another miraculous story involves an orphanage in the village of VORSEL, a target of the Russians in their efforts to kidnap Ukrainian orphans and ship them to Russia....

Back in March, 2022, it was the height of the Russian invasion, and a unit of Chechan soldiers fighting for the Russians drove their tank through the gates and fence surrounding the orphanage.

THEIR ORDERS? TO KIDNAP THE 60 ORPHANS, INNOCENT CHILDREN, AGES 1-5 YEARS OLD, AND CARRY THEM OFF TO RUSSIA....as you may have read, to date, Putin's armies have kidnapped/abducted over 20,000 children and taken them to Russian occupied territories or Russia itself!

In our initial visit to the orphanage to interview the director and to see what the needs there were and if we could help, she told us this amazing story.

The director said that they had no idea what their plan was, and the attack and bulldozing down the fence was sudden and surprising...but she told us, "Two days before, we decided to evacuate all the children to safety in western Ukraine before it was too late...." She paused and then added,

"IT WAS REALLY A MIRACLE."



WE HAVE PROVIDED TWO REFRIGERATORS FOR THE KITCHEN TO HOLD FOOD SUPPLIES & MILK, SPECICALLY FOR BABY FORMULA; RENOVATION OF THEIR BOMB SHELTER, A BACK-UP GENERATOR WHEN THE POWER GOES OFF, TWO HOT WATER HEATERS TO SERVE THE ENTIRE ORPHANAGE CAMPUS, A WASHING MACHINE & STOVE CHAIRS & TABLES FOR THE SCHOOL & PLAY AREA, PLUS NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT....ALL THANKS TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

They were ALL safe. None of the orphans were there and could be kidnapped....it baffled the soldiers & they went away confused, she said.

Vorsel orphanage was founded in 1932 during the Stalin era when the Soviets were building orphanages as fast as they could. Now almost 95 years old, it shows its age, and so the list of needs was understandably long.

BUT, because of so many friends like you who have prayed and supported, we were blessed to be able to fulfill their requests as the children would return after the Russians were pushed out one month later.

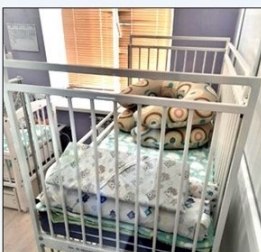
Our help included renovating their bomb shelter, replacing two old refrigerators and a stove (30 years old)...providing a back-up generator to keep the power on when it electricity would go out, chairs and tables for their school, and even new playground equipment as their old pieces were in disrepair and dangerous to use for the children....and the list goes on...

But their story reminds me that we must be prepared to continue our help for Vorsel orphanage as well as all 21 orphanages with which we work and minister, and the Children's Department of the Izmail Hospital.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 "AND GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE [EVERY FAVOR AND EARTHLY BLESSING] COME IN ABUNDANCE TO YOU, SO THAT YOU MAY ALWAYS [UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, REGARDLESS OF THE NEED] HAVE COMPLETE SUFFICIENCY IN EVERYTHING, AND HAVE AN ABUNDANCE FOR EVERY GOOD WORK AND ACT OF CHARITY."

As always, THANK YOU for your PRAYERS & for your GENEROUS SUPPORT....as you can see, you're making an eternal difference in the lives of hundreds of orphans like the precious children who call VORSEL ORPHANAGE home! With Kindest Regards, Greg

VORSEL VILLAGE ORPHANAGE IS IN-BETWEEN THE RUINED CITIES OF BUCHA AND IRPIN YOU PROBABLY SAW IN THE NEWS IN 2022 . VORSEL IS ONE OF THE NEW ORPHANAGES WE ARE HELPING. IT IS AN ORPHANAGE FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS AGES 0-4 YEARS OLD BEFORE THEY ARE SENT TO MAIN ORPHANAGES AFTER THEIR 4TH BIRTHDAY.



VORSEL HELD 60 ORPHANS AGES 0-4 BEFORE THE WAR. NOW THEY PREPARE FOR OVER 100



VORSEL ORPHANAGE DIR. LYUBA, CENTER, TWO OF THE TEACHERS



THIS IS THEIR BOMB SHELTER, OR AS THE DIRECTOR CALLS IT TO THE CHILDREN, "THEIR" HIDING PLACE"



THE RUSSIANS DEVASTATED BUCHA & IRPIN RANDOMLY KILLING CIVILIANS & LEAVING THEIR BODIES IN THE STREETS



EXAMPLE OF BULLET HOLES THEY FOUND IN ORPHANAGE WALLS WHEN THEY RETURNED