

Orphan Outreach Ministry

Dedicated To Serving Orphans with Special Needs

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Gilbert, PA



Orphan Outreach Ministry Report 10/11/2016

Mission of Mercy 2016 Financial Report

Church Sponsored SUNFLOWER FUND RAISER for Mission Trip 2016		
Entry Items	Credits	Debits
Sunflower Sale (5/21/16 - 5/22/16)	\$612.00	
Sunflower Sale (5/28/16 - 5/29/16)	\$280.00	
Mary Chiadra (Sunflower Start-up Fees)	\$40.00	
Additional Sunflower Sales (Yard Sales)	\$195.00	
Donation: Steven and Kathleen Maltez	\$20.00	
Donation: Richard and Lorraine Dikant	\$100.00	
Donation: Robert and Davida Farber	\$20.00	
Donation: Sandie Flannery	\$208.00	
SUNFLOWER FUND RAISER TOTAL:	\$1,475.50	
Additional Donations Given to Sandie Flannery for Ukraine Trip		
Donation: John and Joy SAITTA	\$300.00	
Donation: Dr. K. Ledet	\$100.00	
Donation: Daniel and Lori Coleman	\$200.00	
Donation: Jean Perry	\$50.00	
Donation: Salina and Peter Saylor	\$700.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL DONATIONS:	\$1,350.00	
TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED FOR MISSION TRIP:	\$2,825.50	

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MISSION OF MERCY TRIP 2016 EXPENSES		
Entry Items	Credits	Debits
Roundtrip Airline Tickets		\$1,471.17
Total of Various Cab Fares During The Trip		\$98.00
Znamenka – Kiev Train Tickets (8/7/16)		\$22.00
Kiev-Znamenka Train Tickets (8/10/16)		\$27.02
Vera Dzusenko - Train tickets and translation fee		\$50.00
Vera Dzusenko - Medical expenses for Volodya		\$350.00
Toys for Zulanchchia Orphanage due to luggage not arriving		\$150.00
Translator Fees: A. Ignatenko \$35 a day plus food and lodging		\$350.00
Hotel Vorzel ,Ukraine		\$304.57
Total of All Meals during Mission of Mercy Trip		\$188.81
Chocolate for Orphanage Personnel & 2016 Tricky Tray Baskets		\$47.84
Purchase of Toys Hand Carried to Ukraine - 5 & Below		\$52.00
Purchase of Toys Hand Carried to Ukraine - Target		\$56.61
Purchase of Toys Hand Carried to Ukraine - Dollar General		\$26.65
Purchase of Toys Hand Carried to Ukraine - TJ Max		\$33.86
Purchase of Toys On-Line & Hand Carried to Ukraine - Paypal		\$22.67
Purchase of Toys On-Line & Hand Carried to Ukraine - Paypal		\$31.79
Items purchased for Orphanages in Ukraine: Crib Mobiles		\$18.98
Items purchased for Orphanages in Ukraine: Sensory Toys		\$40.00
Items purchased for Orphanages in Ukraine: 2 Cradle/Cribs		\$138.06
Items purchased for Orphanages in Ukraine: 2 Crib Mobiles		\$12.96
Items purchased for Orphanages in Ukraine: 2 Bed linings		\$22.00
Items purchased for Orphanages in Ukraine: Toys		47.02
Money Transferred to Almaz Church Mercy Mission:		
Purchase of 'fluid' supplies for blood analysis machine		\$200.00
Money Reserve awaiting Allocation		\$400.00
Total Expenses :		\$3,962.33
MISSION OF MERCY TRIP 2016 FINANCIAL RECAP:		
TOTAL DONATIONS:		\$2,825.50
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$3,962.33
NET TOTAL OF FINANCES FOR MERCY TRIP 2016:		-\$1,136.83
Sandie Flannery Donation to cover deficit in funds:		\$1,136.83
Revised Net Total Of Finances for Mercy Trip 2016:		\$0.00

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The Mission of Mercy 2016 Trip to Ukraine had multiple Goals. The First Goal was to personally apply a Hands-On approach to assisting these Orphanages and Baby Houses. My intent was to assess the current conditions and needs of these facilities so that the Orphan Outreach Ministry could better apply its Fund Raising efforts to meet some of the specific needs to better the Health and Well Being of the Orphans. My Second Goal was to re-establish and strengthen my relationships with the Directors & Staff of these facilities in order to allow easier access & communications with Staff & Management during the year (via e-mail & Skype). This will allow me to better assess our successes and failures in meeting the children's needs with our fund raising. And Finally, my goal was to offer Refresher Training to some of the staff I had trained on a previous trip and primary training to the staff that have never been trained. As a retired Early Intervention / Special Education Professional I had much to share.

To assist in funding the trip Our Lady Queen Of Peace Church allowed me to sell Sunflowers after all Masses on the Weekend of May 21 & 22nd and the Weekend of May 28 & 29th. The Sunflower Sale was very successful which is great testament to the Love and Caring of the church's many parishioners. We are a Spirit driven Church for sure.

To further Fund the Trip I offered the Sunflowers at multiple Yard Sales I had hosted at my home. I was thrilled to see many of the local residents purchasing the flowers to make the Mission Of Mercy Trip possible.

Ukraine Mercy Mission Trip Summary Log of Activities

7/31/16 (Sunday) Flew out of Newark Airport into Munich, and arrived in Lyiv, Ukraine on 8/1/16 (Monday)

8/1/16 Arrived in Kyiv, met Vera Dzusenko, luggage did not arrive, filed report, toured Lyiv by tram, caught 7:30 train to Synatyn, picked up by Vera and husband (orphanage workers) and brought to Zulanchcia Orphanage

8/2/16—8/3/16 I met with director, Michaela and translator, Olek, toured orphanage, visited and played with children, demonstrated positioning techniques with staff, fed children, etc.. Assessed needs. I provided stimulation to the most involved bed ridden children showing them respect and love. It was a very moving experience as most of these children have never been 'played' with, held, loved. They are fed and

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diapered twice a day, wrapped in rags, some semi naked, covered in flies and sores. I had to go out and buy toys at a local 'flea market' since my luggage still had not arrived, along with chocolate for director. The director arranged for me to visit with Volodya, the child through whom I felt God's call to minister to the orphans, who had been transferred to the Synatyn Orphanage for Boys and met with director Vasil, and toured the orphanage. It was interesting that the director, brought me to the wrong child, despite having had his file in front of him which just goes to show the lack of care that they receive! I gave Volodya a remote control car which he loved, and even allowed the other children to use and I had sweets for all the boys and staff. Afterwards, we returned to Zulanchchia where I continued to interact with the children until late evening. I met with the director and discussed orphanage needs, possible future plans and the necessity of releasing the children for adoption with the director. I shared with him the history of deinstitutionalization in America and described services that the children with disabilities receive in America. We discussed the need to treat them with dignity and respect as they are God's children and deserve it. We walked through the rooms and I expressed my concerns regarding the conditions of the majority of the children and asked how we could help. He expressed a need for supplies for the analysis machine, which I did see, as they need to evaluate the children October 1st. I told him that we could provide that through Almaz Ministry. We discussed other needs especially related to the over crowding and the lack of caregivers. We 'posed' for pictures and I was interviewed for a newspaper. In the evening I was picked up by Vasil Futenko from the Ukraine Charitable Network, along with 2 translators and taken to a hotel in Ivano-Frankisk.

8/4/16 I was picked up by Olexander and Natalia, a translator and taken to the Baby House in Nirvanda where I met with staff, discussed Early Intervention Strategies, demonstrated the on the children, discussed adoption, etc. and naturally played with the children and distributed toys. The goal here was to establish a relationship with the Baby House that the children attend before being sent to the various different level orphanages at age 5. In most cases, the delays and damage has already occurred from lack of appropriate early intervention and therapies. If we can change it here, many of the children would not end up non ambulatory and deformed. If we can get them adopted from here, that would be even better. I observed at least 9 children with significant special needs which would be eligible for adoption if 'signed off' by their parents. I will be following up with this. In the evening I was met up by Zaur, Olya's husband who drove me Ternopil, after Vasil, Natalia, Zoar, Olek and Andrew had dinner in which I picked up the tab. Zoar dropped off a YWAM, a Christian Youth Hostel, where I stayed for 2 nights.

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(It is here where I received the news that Volodya had 'fallen' out of the 3rd loor bathroom at the orphanage and was in a drug induced coma after emergency surgery! He was alone, with no pain medication, IV fluid, diapers, etc. as the orphanage basically assumed he dies. You must pay for these things AHEAD of time in the hospitals in Ukraine and no one had! I immediately authorized Vera \$150 to get him what he needed. He had been transferred to the major medical center in Ivano-Frankvist . Vasil and Olga from the Ukraine Charitable Network, went to be by his side. He is still hospitalized as I write this report.

8/5/16 and 8/6/16 I spent two very full and long days consulting with staff and parents at the Bebi & Ko School for Infants and Children with disabilities. Here, parents, who chose to keep their children at home, have minimal services 1-2 times per weeks and receive family support. I had met some of the families four and five years ago and it was very rewarding to see that they still had their children at home with them rather than placing them. In the evening of the sixth, I met with Pastor Volomyr Kotoschyn, who has a severely handicapped son and a special needs ministry in his Church. He then put me on the midnight train to Kyiv.

8/7/16 I arrived in Kyiv in the morning and was met by Anya Ignatenko, my translator and Victor, a driver. We went to St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church for Mass and then to Almaz Church where I met up with Dave Daulton, from A Father's Heart Inc., his team, and Pastor Sasha Skripak. After service, and a very late lunch we boarded a train once again for Znamenka. We arrived in Znamenka in the middle of the night, and walked to our hotels in the dark. We stayed 2 nights in a hotel where the shower was in the kitchen!

8/8/16 We visited with the director of the Znamenka Orphanage for the disabled orphans, Tatyana Valko and the children. Dave's team which consisted of 2 father's and their 12 year old daughters and a translator and her 12 year old daughter held a bible camp for the children in which they focused on Genesis. I 'assessed' some of the more involved young children who the director and staff wanted to know how to help. These were very involved children and I discussed my observation with a team that consisted of the

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director, the head doctor, a therapist or teacher and a care worker. One little boy was in severe distress, appeared to be starving, suffering from almost constant seizures (which they did not recognize) and a severely swollen bloated solid belly. He needed some medical tests to determine the cause, I could not help him, other than give suggestions. They begged me to help a little girl, Christiana, who has spina bifida and is developing a severe scoliosis and low vision.

8/9/16 We spent the morning with the children and then took the older, higher functioning children out for pizza which was a unique experience for me and most of them. It was great to see the children out of the orphanage environment. I went to a children's store and purchased 2 rocking cribs, to provide vestibular (movement) stimulation for the children lying down, along with bedding, crib mobiles and some other specific baby toys to stimulate the children. The director wanted Christina to have the pink one, so the store owner, a team member and 'the girls' set it up in Christiana's room. She immediately started moving about and swatting at the mobile! The other one we set up in the sensory room. Before leaving to catch our midnight train to Vorzel, we spent time painting the fingernails of the girls who loved it!

8/10/16—8/15/16 Arrived back in Kyiv in the early morning and was driven to the Hotel/Spa in Vorzel . In the morning I went immediately to the Baby House and met with the assistant director, Vera who greeted warmly. The orphanage has changed it's policies in order to address the attachment issues and emotional trauma's the children suffer from repeated visitors who 'abandon' them when they leave. I met with Natalia, the Psychologist who explained the program model and the reason I would only be allowed to interact with the children with special needs (which is what I was there for). I spent my days consulting and advising staff in strategies and techniques for the children they specified. I also took photos and gathered information on the children they asked me to assist them in finding families. IN the evenings we relaxed at last. On Sunday, I attended Mass at the Seminary in Vorzel and toured Kyiv.

8/15/16 Evening. I traveled back to Kyiv and stayed overnight at a young Missionary couple's apartment whom I had met previously as they were close to the airport.

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Orphan Outreach Ministry Mission Statement

"The Mission of the Orphan Outreach Ministry is to raise awareness of the needs of orphans, especially those with disabilities, and provide services and support to enhance their quality of life."

Orphan Outreach Ministry Positions

President: Sandie Flannery

Treasurer: Joann Brunquell,

Medical Adviser: Dr. Annette Strohlein-Vasquez

Adoption Support Consultant: Patty Kosar

Religious: Deacon Bob O'Connor

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Future Ministry Ideas & Events

- October 2nd and 3rd, Sandie will speak to the CCD students and classes will be assigned a Basket Theme
- October 16th and 17th a reminder letter will go home with the students.
- Bishop Daniel Zelinsky of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church contacted Sandie Flannery and would like to collaborate with the Orphan Outreach Ministry to support the orphans at Zulanchchia. He would like to meet at the end of September at either his Church in Perth Amboy, NJ or in Allentown, depending on his availability.
- Sept/Oct Timeframe: A video and trip summary posted on our ministry page on the Church website
- Sept/Oct Timeframe: Sandie would like to share with the Parishioners pictures and information from the trip. Ideas include, but must be approved by Father, a display in the atrium, a short video highlighting the Mercy Mission Trip, shown at the Masses (no more than 3 minutes in length).
- Orphan Sunday is November 6, 2016. As, last year the Orphan Sunday video played after all Masses that weekend along with an announcement about the Raffle the following week
- A Tricky Tray/Basket Raffle has been scheduled for November 12, 2016.
- Mercy Mission Trip to Ukrainian Orphans in Spring or Early Summer 2017

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