



Dear friends,

5th February 2012

The last of our shipments of donated food and clothing, toys and other items arrived with the help of Karitas Ujpest (Hungary) in the Ukraine. Karitas, with their old unreliable vehicle decided to make several long trips to the Ukraine, to help the poor, elderly and the orphans, which the world seem to have forgotten.

Do you remember 26th of April 1986? That was when the nuclear accident occurred at the *Chernobyl* nuclear reactor, and radiation came across Ukraine and large parts of Europe. It all seems a distant memory, and like so often disasters are forgotten in a few months, sometimes even days. We read and hear very little in the news about Chernobyl these days.

The poor, elderly and the many orphans have to fend for themselves. Just a few weeks ago, Karitas returned after another mission to the Ukraine, and the photographs received makes you wonder, how much we really care for our fellow citizens.

Very young children have only boiled water and salt with a slice of bread to eat, 365 days a year, and sometimes if there is some vegetables around it was a great treat. I will not mention clothing, or bare feet, and temperatures of minus 35 degrees, no central heating and more.....let alone schools for the youngsters.

Humanos is trying with help and support to motivate donors in giving more donations to help create a better way of life in the future for the Ukrainians.

In recent years quite a number of Ukrainians have migrated to Canada & USA.

The future looks quite bleak, but there are those of us who care, and would like to help the best way we can.

In the last few years, American Missionaries and others have arrived in several parts of the Ukraine, and some have started to build modern houses and schools for the orphans. They have also started medical care in some parts, but still more help and support is needed.

Due to the radiation levels and the aftermath of Chernobyl, the soil and the ground water is polluted in the Ukraine, so farming and growing crops is not always possible in some parts of the country.

Humanos will endeavour to increase aid transports to the Ukraine with the help of our sponsors, and will start active fundraising this year.

Let us not forget these innocent orphans, and the poor and elderly of the Ukraine.

Sincerely yours,
Billy.

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