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Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the Fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1:27

Summer 2004 Edition



Evelyn, Elya & John Shane say
Come and join us on a trip to Russia, Ukraine or Sri Lanka.
You will be blessed!

Our May trip to Ekaterinberg was a very important ministry trip. It marked the first time we took a team to work exclusively into this very important region. We discovered a number of orphanages that had not been visited before and hundreds of orphans and staff members heard about Jesus Christ for the very first time as we ventured to this large region.

We were in small villages and big towns and one major city and we covered well over 3,000 kilometers on rough Russian roads. We taught in Bible school, visited a drug rehabilitation center, preached in several churches and witnessed a tremendous move of God's Holy Spirit. Hundreds of people responded to the altar calls for salvation, repentance and healing. One in our group said that it was the first time he had witnessed miraculous, supernatural healings. What a blessing to be part of this special time.

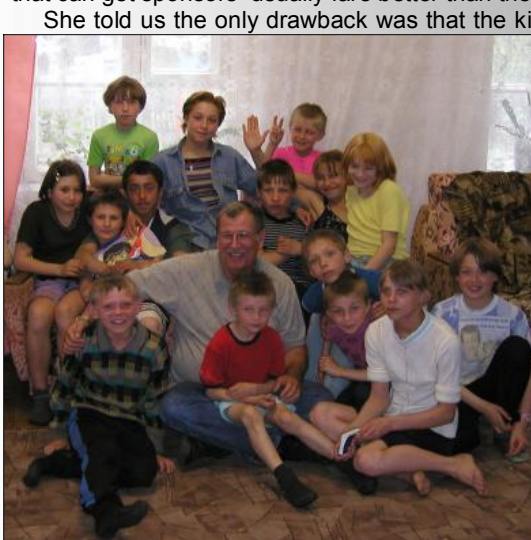


Here our group of Americans sit and stand on the border that separates the continents of Asia and Europe. I am straddling two continents.

It is always difficult to put into words or try to express how I feel about visiting orphanages and seeing how children are treated. Not all orphanages are bad but many are and some are deplorable.

We visited one Internat orphanage that had over 200 children. There was no hot water for the orphanage. The toilet facilities were not working and probably hadn't worked in months or years. Head lice was a major problem and many of the kids had their heads shaved to keep the lice off. Discipline was non-existent both in the children and the staff. Chaos was the order of the day for these kids. Education was very limited and already the kids were smoking and drinking and who knows what else.

We visited another orphanage that was just the opposite. We walked into a very plush orphanage that seemed to have everything. The children had the finest clothes, sports equipment and sport facilities, rooms, cleanliness and staff. The director wasn't there but we were able to talk to the assistant director. She told us that Ex-President Boris Yeltsin had a summer home nearby and that he personally took an interest in this orphanage. She said that a major hockey player also provided money and help for the kids as well. Orphanages that can get sponsors usually fare better than the others.



She told us the only drawback was that the kids, while in the orphanage, were given virtually everything but when they turned 18 left the orphanage with nothing and had to enter a poverty stricken society and none were prepared for that. I thought to myself which would be worse a child who was raised in a poor orphanage or one who was raised in this orphanage?

You can see by the pictures that the kids are always glad to see us and that I am doing what I like to do best, giving them a hug and telling them stories about Jesus. We left supplies at every orphanage we visited. Hats, gloves, socks, underwear, school supplies and some basic first-aid supplies were very much appreciated as we gave freely what we had.



Perm Team
Yulia & Dr. Gallia

Greetings from Perm!

Some real changes have taken place in our Perm team. Sergei decided to go into business for himself and he felt he could not run his business and do what is necessary to complete his work at New Hope so he resigned. He will be missed.

Lienna told me that she is now expecting her third child (another boy) in August and that she would not be working so she can take care of her family. That leaves Gallia and Yulia. Gallia just got her drivers license and so our team will do just fine with the two of them.

They continue to visit so many orphanages in the Region of Perm. Many kids now write to them and share their heartaches. Pictured are some of the cuties that we visited while I was in Perm. We continue to pass out the "Book of Hope" as it is our greatest source of reaching out to these kids. Most of them are eager to learn more about God and how they fit into His plan.



Elya (not my daughter) at work!

At Missionary school there was a young lady who heard me speak and she asked Gallia, our Perm team leader, if it was all right if she could travel with us to visit orphanages. I agreed even though I had not heard her testimony or even knew her but I felt led of God that she should share her testimony with these kids and I was stunned to hear what she shared.

Her name is Elya (just like my adopted daughter) and this is her story. Her first six years of life she was raised by very abusive alcoholic parents. They would get drunk and beat her and abuse her. Finally they were arrested and put in prison and Elya was placed in an orphanage in Perm. Her parents later died so she had no relationship with them.

She was placed in one of the better orphanages in Perm for normal kids and allowed to go to public school. When she was 14 she met Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. By the time she was 16 she was married to one of the orphan boys and had a child. Later she divorced her husband because of abuse and he had become an alcoholic as well. Somehow she rediscovered her need for God and rededicated her life to the Lord.

Even though she divorced her husband that wasn't the end of the relationship. Her husband, along with some of his friends decided to enter into a drug rehabilitation center, (ours) in Perm. The husband decided it was too difficult so he quit and went back to alcohol.

Then one lonely alcohol ridden Sunday the husband decided to go to church. In the church were all his friends, his wife and child. He saw the dramatic change in their lives and knew he needed and wanted what they had.

He recommitted himself to the drug and alcohol center and gave his heart to God and graduated a year later committed to stay alcohol free. He has stayed on at the center and is now one of the staff members working and helping others who want to be set free.

Elya and her ex-husband have been courting and soon will be remarried in a right relationship. It has been several years in restoring what Satan had stolen from them but both agree God is their only answer for the future.

Elya is in Missionary school wanting to help orphans, street children and drug addicts.

When she shared this with the small group of orphans, the kids were just silent and when she finished they applauded for her. Her testimony gave me ongoing inspiration to continue telling as many orphans and widows as we can about the Lord. Is it worth the effort? You bet it is. It is stories like this and so many other victorious overcomers that inspire us to continue the work that God has chosen for us. Thank you for your prayers, support and love to help us reach those who mean so much to our God.



Set Free

I was in a church preaching a powerful message entitled “Do you love you more than you love your Neighbor?” This message has truly been a message of repentance as I have watched so many thousands of people set free from the bondage of anger, bitterness and unforgiveness. I have watched as thousands have come to an altar to ask God to forgive them for loving themselves more than they love their neighbor or family members.

One such event took place in a church in Washington State as I was preaching I saw an elderly lady just weeping as I told the congregation we needed to confess our sins one to another according to James 5:16 “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avail much.”

When I finished preaching this woman stood and told this story. She was a mother, grandmother and now a great-grandmother and she had been raised in the south and like many southerners of her day and time she was taught a great prejudice.

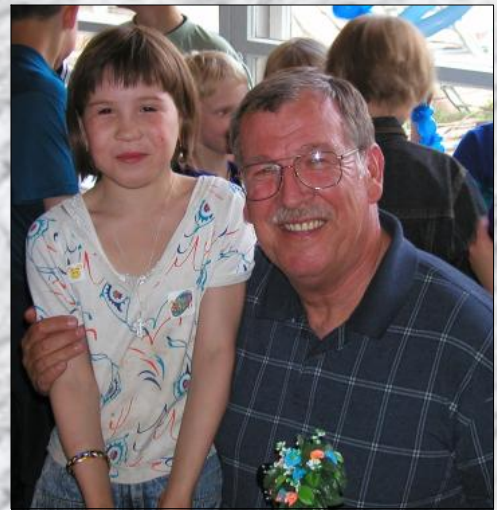
Her daughter fell in love with a man of color and married him without the consent of her mom. She was devastated. She said for three weeks after the marriage she didn’t leave her house, could not eat and was to embarrassed to talk to anyone. She felt disappointed, defeated, discouraged and great bitterness and resentment with much anger and unforgiveness began to develop in her life.

She said she just couldn’t forgive her daughter nor the children her daughter had bore. She continued to confess that now she had a great-grandchild and because of her prejudice she had never visited this child.

She told the congregation that even though she had confessed to be a Christian all those years she realized now that she loved herself more than she loved her neighbor or family. She asked the congregation to forgive her and she told us that she was going directly to see her daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and beg them for forgiveness.

It is these kinds of confessions one to another that set us free. Free to live life to its fullest. Free to love our Lord without guilt. Free to be a child of the most high God. This kind of selfless love is what brings about revival.

In the book of James 2:8 it says, “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well.”



Prayer Requests

1. Pray for funds (about \$7,000) to send a full container of supplies to our orphans in Russia. We have the goods and it is all brand new we need the funds to ship.
2. Pray for Viktoria Egorova as she has taken the leadership of the Ukrainian team to visit orphans, widows and the elderly in Odessa.
3. Pray for finances to purchase a small van in Ukraine. Ours was destroyed in the accident in which Fred was killed.
4. Pray for Ian Weissberger, John Shane’s Brother-in-law, who has Lou Gehrigs disease and needs a miracle.
5. Pray for a good friend of this ministry Rev. Dave Garrison who has cancer and needs healing.
6. Pray for more \$20 per month sponsors for our widows in Sri Lanka.
7. Pray for more people to travel on our short-term missions trips.

When you look on the faces of these kids just look at the joy they exude. This is what our teams bring to these orphans. New Hope! Hope in God! We love them, hug them and tell them about God.





Fred & Viktoria
He is missed.

In Memoriam

We recognize the ministry of New Hope Outreach Ministries is right at the heart of God. God specifically tells us that He is the Father to the fatherless. He also tells us He has a special place for both the fatherless and the widow. It should be no surprise that the devil hates what we do. Such is the case in the Ukraine at the moment. Our Ukrainian team members were on their way to visit orphanages and someone pulled into their lane of travel and a head-on collision occurred.

There were five people in our van all suffered injuries two of them were in very serious condition and one continues to be hospitalized. Our leader, Fred, was injured very severely. Having broken bones in both legs, hips and three crushed vertebrae in his back. After having surgery Fred went to be with the Lord on March 24. Valya, a lady from the church who helps with our team suffered a compound fracture of her leg and will need further surgery to help her heal.

To give you some idea of hospitals in the areas in which we work, our team was taken to the nearest hospital and they were so ill equipped that they didn't even have a pair of scissors to cut off Fred's pants. He and Valya were there for five days before they could get an ambulance to transport them to a hospital that could help. The roads in Russia, Ukraine and Sri Lanka are filled with chuck holes and obstacles that hinder safe driving and many times are barely passable yet our teams are determined to reach those orphans and widows.

Fred went to Glory, our people were hurt, our work temporarily delayed, our van was destroyed but our God is exalted. Satan can throw his roadblocks but our God will bring victory. We are more determined than ever to reach the unreachable with your continued prayers and support to help us along the way. Fred's wife, Viktoria, asked us if she could continue the work with orphans that her husband loved so much and of course we are thrilled to have her do the ministry to the orphans, widows and elderly.



Ekaterinberg Team
Igor & Tanya

Greetings from Ekaterinberg!

We are located on the Asia side of the Ural Mountains in Siberia. We are the first major city west of Moscow in Asia with over 2 million people in our city. Our Sverdlovsk Region is huge. It is a little smaller than the size of your state of Oklahoma. The northern most part of our region is very near the tundra of the arctic circle.

We work for God, our church and New Hope Outreach Ministries. We visit orphanages and tell them about Jesus Christ. Our orphans are in need of many things. They really aren't much different than other kids but they have great needs. Our country is very poor and some of the orphanages in the villages don't receive the care that those in the bigger cities get.

When we go to the orphanages we sing and teach the kids songs, tell them stories and hug each one. It is so important to hug these kids. Their moms and dads aren't around and many times the orphanage directors and staff are very limited and so we step in and help minister to the kids. In the pictures you can see some of the kids we work with.

Their lives have been turned upside down because many have been taken out of the homes they lived in because their parents are drug addicts or alcoholics or have



died. But they are just kids and they need to be loved. If you can remember to pray for them it would be so wonderful. They need us to hold them up in our prayers. There are 10,000 orphans in our region and all are in need of someone to love them and that's what we do with your help.



Greetings from Ceylon!

Sri Lanka is a very diverse nation. Filled with wild animals and nature of all kinds. Elephants, cobras, monkeys, peacocks, birds of many colors and so much more await those who venture out into our jungles. Our beaches are some of the most beautiful in the world. We are located just south of India on an island. There are close to 20 million people living on this island.

Our native language is Sinhalese but we also speak Tamil and English as well. Buddhism is the primary religion of our country and Hinduism is the next strongest religion with Christianity as a very minor part of our society.

We are in desperate need of your prayer support. We have been at civil war for many years. Many people have died needlessly. We have many widows and fatherless children who need your prayers and support.

Currently I am involved in leadership of our local denomination, am director of our Bible College in Jaffna and am Pastor of a local church as well. My last home and last church were blown up by terrorists but praise God we continue to march on to victory with the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your prayers and support.



Sri Lanka
Rev. Jason Selvaraja

Evelyn's Corner

Please Pray!

We need you to go to Russia with us. We need you to take in a suitcase full of needed supplies for the orphans. We need you to share a story with an orphan, blow up balloons, do puppets, take pictures, we need you.

You cannot go to Russia, Ukraine or Sri Lanka and see the hopelessness and not leave a part of yourself there. The people are very hospitable and so open to the Gospel. It is so awesome to watch the hopelessness fade away when they realize Jesus is their Hope.

It is so exciting to hold a child that was sad and hopeless and watch their countenance change as they ask Jesus to come into their hearts. To see a macho teenager melt when they meet Jesus and you give them a great big hug. To see that light that comes into their eyes, what a blessing.

Yes the trip is long and Russia is not like America in so many ways but people need the Lord everywhere. They need to hear about His love. Come and be His hands extended.

Shane Schedule

July

11 Oakville, WA

12—27 Sri Lanka

August

1 Vashon Island, WA

15 Thomson Falls, MT

15 Plains, MT

22 Port Angeles, WA

23-31 Ukraine

September

1-5 Ukraine

6-29 Russia

October

3 Lake Stevens, WA

10 Fruitland, WA

17 Liberty Lake, WA

24 Burien, WA

24 Packwood, WA

31 Othello, WA



Dear Family & Friends,

My family and I are doing a study from a book called, "The Purpose Driven Life." I am amazed at what I read. In Chapter 2 it says our birth was not an accident. That chapter meant so

much to me and my dad.

Your parents

may not have planned you but you are not an accident to God. You are alive because God created you and He never makes mistakes. He made you so He could love you. You are valuable to Him. I can thank God that I was placed in that orphanage because if I wasn't my parents that God has given me may never have found me.

On May 29th I graduated with an AA from Bible College. Thank you to everyone who prayed for me and helped me. Thanks to all my teachers and mom and dad who taught me the Word of God and never gave up on me.



While my dad was in Russia, mom and I went to a women's conference in Leavenworth. Mom came to my graduation as well. We planted flowers together and enjoyed each others company. She is the greatest mom ever. I am planning to go to Russia in September and help dad with our group of Americans that are going.

The little girl on the left (grey stockings) had her head shaved because her orphanage had a bad case of lice. We love them all and hug them all and tell them all about Jesus.



Elysa's Corner

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Come Go With Us. This Little Girl and Thousands Of Orphans Like Her Are Waiting To Give You A Hug.

Russia 2004

May—September—December

We continue to find more and more orphan-ages. Currently we are working in 3 regions with the possibility of reaching over 25,000 orphans and the work continues to expand. Come and hug these that are so desperate for love. Visit the fatherless with us.

Ukraine 2004

August

A whole new ministry has opened to us in the Ukraine. Orphans, widows and the elderly are in great need of our hugs. Come see for yourself and experience a life-changing experience as you are involved in a hands on work.

Sri Lanka 2004

July

This is a trip for the hearty. We visit areas that are difficult and sometimes dangerous. The need in this war-torn area is overwhelming. We will visit displacement camps, orphanages, churches, widows and see the jungles and beauty of Sri Lanka.

To Hold Your Seat On Any Of Our Trips Mail Your First Deposit Of \$300.00 As Soon As Possible To:

For Russia or Ukraine we are finding it takes several weeks to obtain Visas. So have your Passports at least 3 months prior to your trip.

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**"Hug a Kid"
Trip**

Costs Vary from Trip to Trip. Usually between \$2,200 and \$2,300 for Russia and Ukraine, Sri Lanka slightly more.

All prices based on Seattle, WA departure and return. Costs may vary per trip but do include all visas, plane, rail and ground transportation, housing and an average of two meals per day except in Moscow, Odessa or Colombo. Souvenirs, offerings and gifts to the churches and individuals are at your own expense. We do limit our trips to the first 20 people. Sri Lanka is limited to the first 5 people.

Deadline for any of our trips we must receive your first deposit (\$300.00) three months prior to leaving.

Our trips are usually 14 to 15 days in length. A complete refund less \$50.00 handling fee of the unused portion of your deposit will be returned should circumstances keep you from going on the trip. For more information call or write the above address or phone number. To save time and expense for you, I would encourage you to begin to **get your Passport now.**

We can schedule other trips to Russia, Ukraine or Sri Lanka on different dates than those posted above for special groups or individuals as well. Contact us!