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Greetings!

LifeNets is celebrating 15 years of service to mankind. In November of 1999, LifeNets became a 501 (c) (3) public charity and with God's help and many wonderful volunteers and supporters has generated one success story after another.

Before becoming incorporated we functioned as a small outreach to Ukraine. We started working with the "Revival Centre" about 30 miles due east of the ill-fated Chernobyl nuclear reactor in the city of Chernihev. To this day we have continued to work with "Revival." It is an exceptional children's rehabilitation center that has won multiple Ukrainian and international awards for service and innovation and for having a special touch with children. We feel honored to be part of its development starting with its inauguration in 1996. This was ten years after the ill-fated nuclear accident that still haunts Ukraine and the world. We work with pediatrician Dr. Vasyl Pasichnyk who was one of the first physicians to treat children on April 26, 1986, the date of the nuclear explosion just west of him.



Bev Kubik

Today, this center is taking in children from the war-torn areas of eastern and southern Ukraine who are suffering the effects of the Russian-induced war that is bringing much suffering to all ages, including children. Some of the children from the Donetsk and Lugansk provinces have been evacuated to Chernihev.

We also work in western Ukraine where there is no war, but refugees have been brought to these areas. We are not certain how this will all end, but we are doing our part in helping those who are gravely affected.

The first story below is about our working with responsible people we know who help us distribute aid to the most needy and vulnerable elderly living in the region of the fighting. What a tragedy!

We thank you from the bottom of our heart for your interest and support of our various programs: scholarships, water, food, farming, animal husbandry and more. We are a small organization that has very low overhead, but dedicated volunteers and supporters who share our vision and help us with our mission.

I invite you to visit our blog and subscribe to it as we post stories every week about the latest happenings. One of our dedicated volunteers, Robert Curry, in Colorado maintains this blog at http://lifenets.wordpress.com.

On this blog there are some major stories NOT included in this newsletter, but are worth taking a look at as they tell our story of how care is extended to people who otherwise would not have an opportunity to better themselves. After 15 years we've refined our methodology to be efficient and always looking to OUTCOMES as the determination of a program's success.

We also have our Facebook Page at http://facebook.com/lifenets and Twitter feed at http://twitter.com/lifenets.

Thank you again for your interest, support and financial gifts to our mission to help in practical ways, help people become self-sufficient and pass their blessing on to others.

All contributions to LifeNets are tax-exempt. You can donate via credit card or PayPal on the front page of our www.lifenets.org website.

Thank you for making LifeNets the charity of your choice.

All the very best to you....

Beneele Kulik

Beverly Kubik President

Helping the Vulnerable in Donetsk Area of Ukraine

LifeNets volunteer, Natasha Teague who works with ua in our Russian-speaking areas has helped facilitate aid to a small group of stressed people in eastern Ukraine.

We have a subscriber in Ukraine whose name is Yuri Andreew. In early September he contacted me on Facebook. I asked Natasha to continue to communicate with him by email and Skype.

During conversations on Skype, Natasha asked Yuri about the situation in Ukraine. His town is on the edge of the war. His wife's parents live 15 miles from the Donetsk airport where the main fighting is occurring. Many people are suffering, and bombing continues every day. On September sixth at two a.m. they were awakened by a terrible explosion. The railroads were blown up so that no food or supplies could be shipped in.

Many people, especially the elderly who could not leave, were desperate for food and medication. Yuri and his wife are educated and have good jobs, but their salary is barely enough to provide food for them and their two seventeen year old sons. Prices are going up every day because of the war. LifeNets was able to send some money to help them, along with seven



Natasha Teague

elderly retired people. Of course, most of their neighbors are also in dire need. But these are the most critical since some recently had operations and desperately needed medications and food. They were very thankful and told me they were praying for everyone who helped them. It is heartbreaking that the old, weak, and infirm are left to suffer.

Below are the photographs of the people who Yuri gave food and medication.







Summer 2014 Mission to Vinogradov, Ukraine

We feature reports and photos from all of our participants from the United States and Estonia to the "Light of Love" mission in Vinogradov, Ukraine. It works with street

children and orphans in western Ukraine. Our volunteers taught English, music and crafts.



On left LifeNets volunteer Michala Lockwood along with two Ukrainian campers

This was the sixth time in seven years that LifeNets sponsored a two week program - this year from June 28 to July 11, 2014. LifeNets has been supporting the work of Vasyl and Irina Polichko since 2001.

Three US volunteers, Oleh Kubik, group leader, Colin Kubik and Michala Lockwood traveled on this very fulfilling mission. As before, it was once again a remarkably successful project that benefited the children and those going from the United States.

You can see greater detail by going to http://lifenets.org/vinogradov.

Two YouTube videos were also made that show some of what all transpired at camp.



Vinogradov, Ukraine 2014 LifeNets summer camp "Kashtan" (Chestnut) Part 1



Vinogradov, Ukraine 2014 LifeNets summer camp "Kashtan" (Chestnut) Part 2

Eyeglasses to Brazil in December 2014

United Youth Corps will be going to Maloca de Moscou from December 16, 2014 until Dec. 25, 2014 to work directly with villagers to prepare farmland for planting. Among other things, LifeNets will be sending 93 pairs of eyeglasses ranging from readers of 1.25 - 3.50 and several pair of prescription eyeglasses.

Jorge de Campos sent along this to explain more:

"While on my last visit to Brazil, near Boa Vista, it became obvious to me that the deacon Benedito Gomes da Silva was struggling to read from his Bible when speaking in church. I was translating for



Jorge and Kathy de Campos examining eyeglasses going to Brazil in December

him. I offered to read the Bible verses for him, and afterwards he mentioned that this problem was becoming greater and greater for many others in this area, as they are aging.

"This donation from LifeNets with various grades of reading glasses will be a great blessing to the community as I will be taking extra glasses to those in our church and to the Maloca de Moscou community at large.

"When I will be with them in December for the follow on project after digging the well, they will be doubly grateful for this kind offer.

"Thanks so much for the support of LifeNets."

Jorge de Campos

MORE on LifeNets work with agriculture and farming at http://lifenets.org/brazil/

Scholarship Student Graduates in Zambia's Copper Belt

The LifeNets Developing Nations Scholarship Program continues to make positive life altering changes in the lives of so many young people who now have hope for more than a life of subsistence living.

Pictured on the right is our latest LifeNets scholarship graduate, Martin Ngulubi who graduated Friday, October 3, 2014 in the Copper Belt area of Zambia.

It was a three year course and he has a teacher's diploma. He is presently teaching at a private college and is expecting to be employed by the government at the end of the year when their new postings come out.

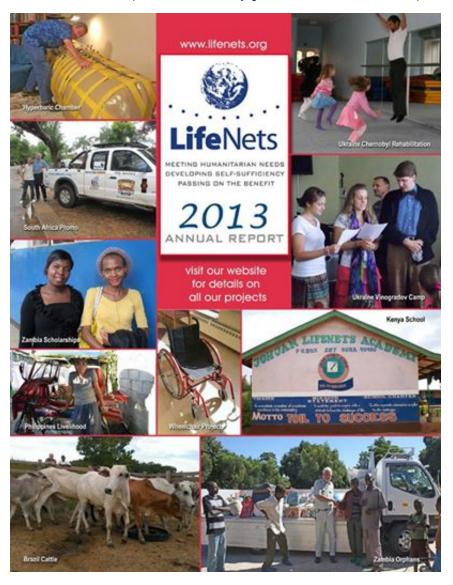


Graduate Martin Ngulubi with friend and mentor Jonathan Lithaba

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This report covers the major activities of LifeNets and reports about our income and where we spend the money so generously donated to us.

See and/or download the PDF report at http://tinyurl.com/m9w3sk8



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