



WESLEYAN SCHOOL

To Whom It May Concern:

As the director of my school's missions program, it is my responsibility to choose the destinations for each mission trip by pursuing partnerships with ministries all over the world. Each spring, I meet with a small committee to begin the process of praying for open doors to greet us in regards to where we should take our kids the following year.

This past year the open doors led us to Orphan's Hope and their ministry to orphans in Ukraine. Our hope was to partner with a ministry that had indigenous leadership, ministered to orphans in a state orphanage, and was willing to host a group of 20 teenagers from America! All those requirements seemed like a tall order but it was clear to me from the beginning that a partnership with Orphan's Hope and Wesleyan was a great fit. Steve Cassidy, the president of Orphan's Hope, clearly communicated the vision and purpose of their ministry and his excitement and encouragement of a partnership only confirmed our earlier desires of doing ministry with orphans in Eastern Europe.

From the beginning, Orphan's Hope did a remarkable job of communicating their needs in Ukraine and how we could best serve and be used to encourage their ministry to orphans. Additionally, their leadership worked with us in learning the needs and desires of our group and did a fantastic job in organizing the daily logistics involved in hosting a group of short-term missionaries.

The week in-country was an experience none of us, students and teachers alike, will forget. The love and care that Orphan's Hope has invested in orphans was immediately evident upon our arrival to Simferopol as we engaged with kids whom had been ministered to over the years by Orphan's Hope. It was easy to see the impact that the OH staff had on these kids and their years of investment certainly allowed our group to be met with open arms at the orphanage and transition homes. Additionally, the hearts of the OH staff impacted our students. My students saw adults, many of them just a few years older than them, determine the course of their lives not on the ambitions of wealth or luxury but rather on the potential for impact on God's kingdom and in the lives of the neglected.

I would strongly recommend any group to partner with Orphan's Hope. I have no doubt that they are impacting God's kingdom in mighty ways.

Blessings,

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