



## THE MASTER'S FOUNDATION

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### LIVCHITSI ORPHANAGE - EXTREME MAKEOVER 2007 By The Master's Foundation



The Master's Foundation has been involved in ministry in Ukraine for over 25 years. There have been many highlights during those years but the event that took place on Saturday, November 17, 2007 at Livchitsi Orphanage was one of the biggest. Let me share with you why.

It began with a tour of Livchitsi Orphanage in May, 2007, by Stan Watrich (President of The Master's Foundation), Johnnie Pasiuk (donor of the project) and Valere Filippovich. What they found was an orphanage that is home for 113 kids from the ages of 6 to 17 years old. The orphanage is located on 19 hectares (over 40 acres) where there are lots of trees, farm land and even a stream running through the property. It is so beautiful! There is so much space for the kids to run and play. However the buildings were in rough shape. They were terribly run down and in disarray. But the team could see how much the Director, Volodymer loves the kids. He has been at Livchitsi for over 18 years and has been doing his best with the limited resources the State gives him every year.

After the tour, it was all agreed that Livchitsi would be the target of the Master's Foundation "Extreme Makeover."





### What did the "Extreme Makeover" entail?



Building a computer lab with 10 stations each furnished with a custom desk, a computer, a comfortable chair and head phones. In another building, you will find a sewing room that is home to both introductory and professional sewing machines. This room will serve as a training facility for the girls to learn seamstress skills. On the other side of the sewing room, is a woodworking shop, equipped with the latest woodworking machines and tools. Here the boys will learn carpentry and how to build items out of wood. The woodworking skills they will learn will enable them to get good employment when they leave the orphanage.



The final project of the "Extreme Makeover" was the gym renovation. Livchitsi had a run down building that could not be used because of the state of disarray it was in. But with a lot of hard work and money, the building could be transformed into a beautiful gym for the kids. However this project was not without its difficulties. The renovating team battled bad weather (lots of rain) and other construction set backs. When the roof was lifted off, the entire building collapsed, and the walls could not be used but had to be rebuilt. But the men worked long hours and completed the project in record time.



We celebrated the "Extreme Makeover" on Saturday, November 17, 2007. The event was attended by many guests that included Stan Watrich (President of Master's Foundation, Johnnie Pasiuk (donor of the "Extreme Makeover"), Karen and Dwayne Milley (from Queensway Cathedral, Toronto), Minister of Education (L'viv region), Bishop Roman Lyahowski (Bishop of L'viv) and many other guests from L'viv. The ceremony began with a ribbon cutting by Stan Watrich and Johnnie Pasiuk. A plaque that expressed thanks to both Master's Foundation and Johnnie Pasiuk for all their assistance in the project was then unveiled to the crowd. The program then had the guests all move into the gym for a short program. A children's choir sang several songs including one song they had written specifically about the gym, expressing thanks and how happy they were with it. You could see the joy on their faces; how excited they were to have a place to



play. Speeches were made by Stan, Johnnie and the Minister of Education and state representative. A prayer of dedication was then said by Bishop Roman Lyahowski. The formal part of the official opening ceremonies of the gymnasium concluded with the conferring of the Ukrainian "korovay" on an embroidered towel to John Pasiuk. This was followed by a concert, performed by the Livchitsi students. Following this, the initial serve on the first, newly-acquired ping-pong table took place in the newly-constructed gym with Johnnie and Stan.

It was an emotional moment for all who attended. After many months of planning, hard work and prayer, the results were right in front of those who attended. All were reminded of how God loves orphans, the forgotten ones. God loves the kids of Livchitsi so much that He orchestrated an extreme makeover just for them. Don't you love how God works?



And it does not stop here ... renovating buildings and buying equipment are good but it is not enough. We are also responsible for the spiritual state of the kids. How is this being accomplished? Master's Foundation has hired a Christian Education Director, Irina Poppova for Livchitsi. She is responsible for sharing the love of God with the kids. She will spend time with them sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Through music, crafts, songs, and Bible study,

the children will learn that there is a God who loves them and has a great plan for their lives. It will be wonderful to see the fruit of Irina's effort in the months and years to come. Please remember her in your prayers. She is on the front line and needs our prayer support.



A project of this magnitude is completed by a team of people. And we want to take time to thank each one.

A special thank you to Johnnie Pasiuk who without his support none of this would have happened. His kind heart to those who are broken and forgotten is an inspiration to us. Thank you, Johnnie.



Also, our thanks to Olga Kuderewko for your prayers and support of this project, and all the clothing and items you have sent.

Thank you to Valere for all the running around and being the "person" on the ground for Master's. Thank you to Lubomyer, the contractor who went far behind the call of duty to accomplish all the renovations. And to everyone else who prayed, who dreamed with us, who supported our "Extreme Makeover" project - thank you and God bless you.



Lastly but not least, we want to thank the One who had this planned before the foundations of the world. Jesus, thank You for using just ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary projects. May You receive all the praise, glory and honour!

What is next? We pray that God will transform the kids at Livchitsi with the love of God. They would come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. We also pray that they will grow up to be Pastors, Evangelists, Teachers, Doctors and Moms and Dads, all for the glory of God.

We pray that God will lead The Master's Foundation to the next orphanage in need of an "Extreme Makeover." We pray that Livchitsi Orphanage will be a model to other orphanages, that they will catch the vision and follow suit.

Karen Milley

Dear Partner,

It seems the year 2007 ended so quickly and we have now begun another exciting year in Ukraine. As we look back it was a year of many challenges, but with it were tremendous victories in God. We have so much to thank God for and I regret space does not permit us to share it in detail. In this news letter we wanted to focus on the highlight of 2007 - **"Livchitsi Orphanage - Extreme Makeover"**. We trust you will be blessed as you read the report by Karen Milley, and rejoice with us at the awesomeness of our God. I also thank God for giving me the health and strength to make 4 trips to Ukraine this past year. With grateful hearts we praise Him for accomplishing the following for His glory.

1. His Word was broadcast from the city of Lutsk to several million people every week for the entire year
2. 2,000 sets of an 8-volume Bible Studies were distributed freely to pastors, churches and workers
3. Much gospel literature and books were distributed freely to pastors for evangelism
4. 400 back packs filled with needy items were shipped to several orphanages
5. Parkas, winter boots, and mitts were bought for 113 orphans
6. Medicines, medications, and vitamins were sent to 2 orphanages
7. Provided Christmas gift packages for Downs-syndrome girls, Ovruch and Livchitsi orphanages
8. Over 300 children were sponsored for summer camps
9. A 40 - ft. container of jackets and polo shirts was shipped and distributed to prisoners in Ukraine
10. Support given to 2 Christian workers and a pastor
11. Rehabilitation Center in Malin - provided new furnace, 2 sewing machines and aid sent
12. Supplied several lap tops for pastors in Ukraine
13. Coordinated Queensway Cathedral's short term missions trip and women's conference in Ukraine
14. Shipped 1 ton of clothing plus vitamins to Dr. Olena in Lviv, who distributed it to children in 5 villages

We thank God for the many miracles He wrought and it was because of your compassion, prayers and overwhelming support. Of course we cannot be content with the past and we are trusting and looking to God for even greater miracles this year.

We are looking at several other projects and have also pledged to support 6 village pastors, who have limited or no income to carry on the work of God. We sincerely covet your continued prayers and support for them and the **"forgotten ones"** of Ukraine.

Will you please open your heart once again to help us meet the needs this year. Thank you for giving hope to people and children who so desperately need it. God bless you.

In His love and service,

Stan Watrich

*"If you extend your hand to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness and your darkness shall be as noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you will be like a garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. (Isaiah 58:10-11)*



*"...For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat..."*

**YES, I will pray for Ukraine. Enclosed please find my love offering of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for**  
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