

Newsletter

Serving the Poor – Church Planting – Education – Healthcare
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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter! We have many exciting stories and news to tell you – from places all around the world – so please read on and see the wonderful ways in which God is able to take our gifts and use them for His mighty purposes! As always, we would like to express our thanks and gratitude to all who support us, pray for us and help us in so many different ways.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations ...”

Matthew 28: 19

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Hope for the Future!!!



Just in case you didn't know, *Hope for the Future* is **10 Years Old** this year!!! To mark this wonderful event, we are planning some celebrations to thank God for all he has done with us and look forward to all that God has in store for the next 10 years (and beyond)!!!



We will keep you updated regarding dates & venues, so please watch this space and please join us to help us to celebrate!!!!

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Floods in India

The flood situation in our district, Krishna, Andhra Pradesh continued to be grim as the Krishna River breached its embankment at a few places, inundating dozens of villages in Krishna and Guntur districts. The floods, billed as the worst in 100 years, have claimed 52 lives and affected over 1.6 million people.



Kothapalem village where we have an IVM church is under water. Flooding is continuing in two more villages in Guntur district where we have churches. Please remember these people in prayers.

In Puritigadda village, our house has been used as rescue centre, where many people have kept their valuables and some people took shelter; even the local bank have moved their computers and documents to our

house, in case our village might be flooded! We are glad to see our house being used as rescue centre in these times of calamities.

The flood waters entered dozens of island villages in Krishna and Guntur near the point where the river falls into the Bay of Bengal. Though the majority of people had already moved to safer places, authorities rescued the remaining people with boats, averting a major tragedy.

We are planning to provide relief to some of the affected people in our mission villages.

Rev. Suresh Vemulapalli

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Summer Camp Romania 2009 – A rip-roaring success!

Set in a beautiful and picturesque village, in the north of Romania, the Summer Camp 2009 was a fun packed week! This year 40 young people and leaders enjoyed a fabulous time of fellowship and recreation together! We were located in a Hungarian speaking area of Romania, for added interest, though many of the young people had no idea of the history of their country and the reasons why there were so many native Hungarian speaking people there!

Our theme of “Getting Closer to God” proved very fruitful and many young people had a time of refreshment in their relationship with the Lord. Marius led the teaching sessions with much enthusiasm and diligence – and managed to foil a dastardly and cunning attempt to coerce us into paying a few hundred pounds more than we needed for some transport related costs!! Adina was responsible for successfully organising the Camp overall and taking care of all the practical issues.



Now we are busy planning for Summer Camp Romania 2010. If you are up for a challenge then come and join us! You won't be disappointed!

Stop Press!!! Adina and Marius got married on Sunday 18th October 2009 – please pray for them as they develop their Christian ministry in the southern town of Corabia (on the river Danube) – where some of you helped establish a church in 2004 on a mission trip.

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Goats for Mongolia

In 2007 we began a joint project with our partners “Vessels of Honour” in Hatgal, Northern Mongolia. We were able to provide some goats for a family through our Chicken Run project and this enabled them to breed with the goats and begin their own little herd. The goat project worked out very successfully and now we would like to help another young woman to become self sufficient.

Navchaa is one of the first believers in the church in Hatgal. She has recently been to UlaanBaatar to learn how to herd animals and how to keep a home of her own. Her mother threw her out and she has been living with the missionary family for some time. Navchaa is 18 years old and she can hardly read or write very well, so school is not a viable option.

Our partner organisation want to help set her up with some kind of future. She has a little house in the village which her mum left behind (her mother decided to abandon everything and leave the area) but it needs a lot of work and she is not mature enough to handle being on her own yet. Our partners are planning on spending the next few years getting her ready for independent life.

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Gospel Cards

Every year we receive a donation of more than £300 from Gospel Cards.

Gospel Cards is an expanding company supplying not only Christmas cards and calendars but also diaries, devotional literature, children's books and various stationery items. As they state in their brochure, 20% of the price of Christmas cards and 5% of the price of calendars will be given to a number of Christian charities (including Hope for the Future). Please support them to support us!

A catalogue is available from: Gospel Cards etc, PO Box 56, Bridgend, CF31 1WG or telephone 01656 647551. You can also purchase your items online: www.gospelcardsetc.com

Christian Library, Ukraine

At the Christian Library, we use a computer and the Internet and we invite people to study the computer for free. My daughter, Lilia teaches Adobe Photoshop and we also regularly discuss Biblical themes. Some of those who visit the library are Christians but others are only interested in the study of the computer programs and internet.

We see that it is a good possibility to witness Jesus Christ. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will touch their hearts. Every Monday evening we pray for the needs of people.



Many actively use the Christian library and information found on the internet. We are very thankful for the money given for this project.

Leonid Lubenko

Family Sponsorship Update from South Africa

We sponsor three pastors and their families in South Africa. Thulani Kiva, Mhlanguleli Nqunshu and Sakhumzi Njovane have used their sponsorship to buy basic food, pay debts and to provide schooling for the children. All would like to improve their homes in some way. All are in good health, although Thulani has epilepsy, which is under control through drugs. All are working hard within their ministry to reach out to the people in their communities and surrounding villages.

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We are now able to send our newsletter & prayer guide via email – if you would like to receive information from us using this format, please send a request to us via email and we will send the next issue to you.

Contact Details

For further details about Hope for the Future, details of how to sponsor a family or to find out more information about our current appeals mentioned in this newsletter, please contact:

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Alternatively, you can e-mail at: admin@hopeforthefuture.org.uk

Take a look at our website: www.hopeforthefuture.org.uk

How to make a donation

To make a donation, please make cheques payable to Hope for the Future and send to the address above. Please write on the back of your cheque which appeal you wish to donate to.

About Hope for the Future

Hope for the Future is a Christian charity, established several years ago in memory of Hope Amy Charity Bartlett – a very precious and God-given daughter.

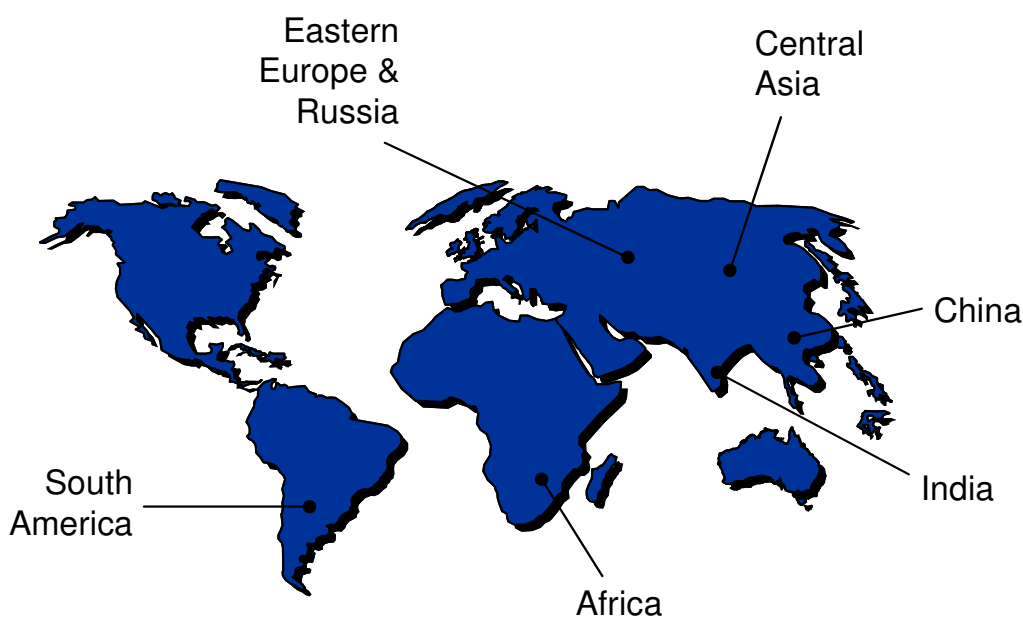
The objectives of Hope for the Future are as follows:

- Relief of Poverty and Hardship;
- Advancement of the Christian religion;
- Advancement of Education.

Our Mission Statement is:

To demonstrate God's love by helping the poor and needy and to further the Christian Gospel by supporting the work of churches, their pastors and other Christian organisations.

Hope for the Future was established to help poor families in Romania and Moldova and in 1999, we started with a Family Sponsorship programme involving 7 families. We now have over 50 families being sponsored in various countries worldwide, as shown on the map below. Our work includes supporting Christian Ministries and Pastors, Church Planting, Micro businesses, Mobile Pharmacy Unit, Educational Scholarship programme, Social Canteen and supply of Christian literature.



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