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#### FINDING SOLUTIONS TO PRODUCE SUCCESS

When we look at the numbers— over 140 million orphaned and at-risk children in the world today—it's hard to even know where to begin helping. One of the greatest lessons we've learned over the last 15 years of serving these children and their families is that every situation requires a different solution. What we do for one child, one parent, or one family may not work for another. What is vital is that we take the time to identify what the problem is and strategize how we can best provide a solution that works for each unique scenario.

When you partner with Orphan's Promise, you provide the support needed to create these solutions, which gives children the chance to live happy, fulfilled lives. Despite the difficulties that they've experienced, the children we serve still have big goals and dreams. When you help them achieve those dreams, you are changing the world for each of them. One of the places where you're making an incredible difference is in the former Soviet Union. Poverty is a significant problem in this part of the world. Many countries and communities have never fully recovered from the effects of communism, and the impact on children is profound and widespread. It is a struggle for most families to make ends meet, and many children suffer from malnutrition and lack the necessary supplies for a proper education.

Your support is not only giving hope to these children and setting them up for success today, but is also allowing them to gain the skills they need to break the cycles of poverty and illiteracy that have plagued their families for decades. You're not just treating symptoms in countries like Moldova. You're helping to facilitate long-lasting solutions that will ensure that the next generations of children have a much brighter, much more secure future.

One of the most effective ways we can help families who are struggling is teaching them how to achieve success with hard work while providing them the necessary tools for the job.



#### **OUT OF THE ASHES OF COMMUNISM**

In the tiny unrecognized country of Transnistria, at the border of Moldova, a young family was barely getting by before you stepped in to help. Alina's family was truly in a desperate place financially. Her children weren't getting enough protein in their diets, and she had a hard time coming up with money to buy their school supplies. As a single mother with four small children, she felt lost and hopeless. Transnistria is a small piece of land nestled between Moldova and Ukraine, but it is really not even recognized as a country by the UN. The people of Transnistria feel forgotten and abandoned. Communism was terrible, but trying to raise a family while living in destitute poverty is an equally challenging endeavor for any parent, especially one who is doing it alone. In Transnistria, many live below the poverty line, and sad stories of single mothers and absent fathers are all too common.



Through our Keeping Families Together program (KFT), we have been able to provide ongoing support with food packages, clothing, and other necessities.

For Alina, providing for her children is her number one priority. Though work is hard to come by, she would find ways to earn extra money by helping out in neighbors' gardens. The work was honest but inconsistent, and she barely made enough to meet their basic needs.

For the past ten years, OP has been partnering with a local church in Transnistria to come alongside vulnerable families like Alina's. Through our Keeping Families Together program (KFT), we have been able to provide ongoing support with food packages, clothing, and other necessities. KFT is a program designed to strengthen families and keep them in homes rather than orphanages. These outreach opportunities, have opened the door to share the Gospel, and many families have begun attending the local church.

### SMALL INVESTMENTS YIELD BIG RESULTS

When our local staff learned about Alina's situation, they stepped in and assessed her needs to see how we could help alleviate some of her burdens. In addition to helping with food and firewood, our team saw that Alina had the capability of managing a small farm! They purchased everything she would need to get started raising ducklings, and before long, her little farm was up and running. Her children were thrilled to have the baby ducklings around and embraced their new responsibilities in the "family business"!

Soon the ducks were laying eggs, and the family was reaping the benefits! The eggs the ducks lay will become both a source of nutrition for Alina's children, as well as a source of a regular income that will help provide stability for her precious family.

In Alina's case, we realized that all she needed was an opportunity to succeed, and she could do the work needed to be successful. She didn't want a hand-out, but she joyfully accepted the hand-up we were able to offer her because of your generosity. These small investments have massive returns in communities where poverty has all but eliminated hope. You're restoring providing opportunities for future success that will impact families for generations to come.

Thank you for partnering with us as we walk alongside vulnerable families in Transnistria and around the world.







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