

PORTRAITS OF **PROMISE**



WARM A CHILD

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Warm a Child This Holiday Season

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**You can be the reason
a child finds hope and
warmth this holiday season!**

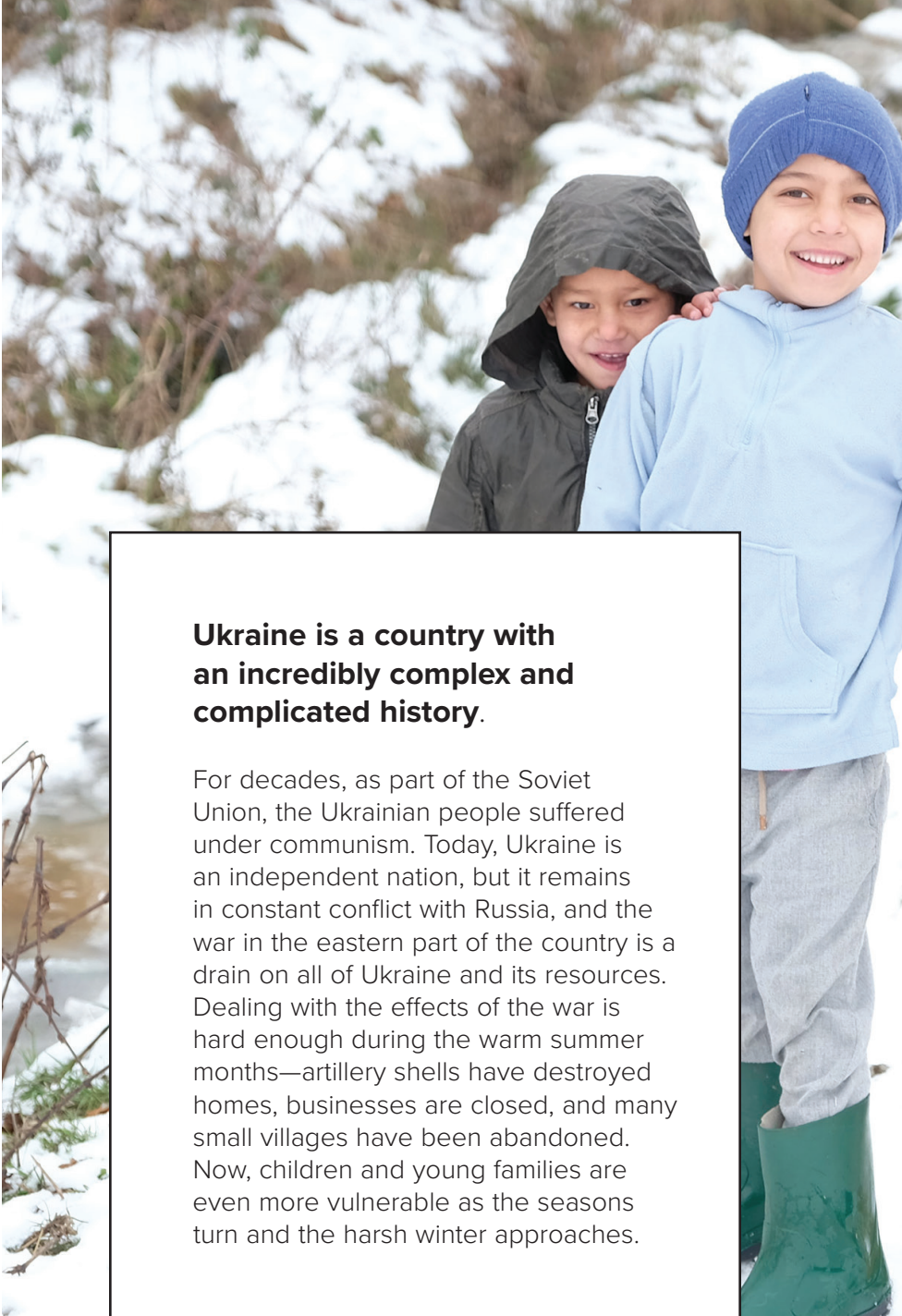
Your generosity all year long has been incredible, and every gift you've given has made a difference in the lives of the thousands of children we serve.

As many of the nations we serve head into the winter months, your year-end gift will provide love and warmth to children who desperately need it!

**These are the stories.
These are the souls.
These are the portraits of the
lives we're changing.**







Ukraine is a country with an incredibly complex and complicated history.

For decades, as part of the Soviet Union, the Ukrainian people suffered under communism. Today, Ukraine is an independent nation, but it remains in constant conflict with Russia, and the war in the eastern part of the country is a drain on all of Ukraine and its resources. Dealing with the effects of the war is hard enough during the warm summer months—artillery shells have destroyed homes, businesses are closed, and many small villages have been abandoned. Now, children and young families are even more vulnerable as the seasons turn and the harsh winter approaches.



As the cold months set in, temperatures plummet, and unfortunately most children do not have adequate clothing to protect them against the frigid temperatures. Many of these children are gypsies, living in desperate poverty and struggling to make ends meet. They live in homes so poorly constructed that if you were to stand outside the front of the house, you could look through the spaces between the boards and see right through the back of the house. These homes offer very little protection from the wind and snow. Making matters worse, most of these homes don't have gas or electric stoves or furnaces, so families cook over dangerous open flames and use wood-burning furnaces that fill the small, poorly ventilated rooms with smoke.

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Every child deserves the chance to feel safe and to know they are loved, and **YOU** can give them that chance this holiday season.

Your gift today will ensure that children living in desperate poverty are safe and secure through the harsh winter season.

Let your love warm a child in need, and give the gift of hope to those who so desperately need it!

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Life is hard for these families, but this is all they've ever known. Generation after generation has grown up in these conditions, but until recently very little has changed. We spend eight or nine months a year working with these families, teaching and training them in our SEED programs, which help them grow crops and livestock to sustain themselves throughout the year. Planting season has come and gone; the fruits and vegetables have been canned and prepared for the winter. But unfortunately, the children are still dangerously unprepared for the freezing temperatures.



When we visited these families a few years ago, we saw a young girl in a tank top, sweat pants, and boots walking through the snow as she came to our education center in her community. Another child played out in the cold and the snow wearing flip flops, her poor feet at risk of frostbite. We quickly bought these children boots and jackets, which solved the problem in the short term, but we knew we needed to do more. Those experiences gave birth to the Warm-A-Child project.

You have an opportunity to invest in the futures of the children we serve throughout the year, but the Warm-A-Child campaign is a chance to invest in their “today”! By providing warm winter boots, hats, jackets, scarves, and gloves, you can give these children the

joy of knowing they are loved, and for many of them, these clothes are the very first things they've ever had that they can call their own. Most kids in these communities wear hand-me-down clothing that is on its third or fourth owner. They squeeze their feet into shoes two sizes too small or wear threadbare sweaters that are little help against the cold. When these kids open the bags and boxes of brand-new winter clothing, the looks on their faces and their squeals of delight are truly priceless.

Will you join us this holiday season and give a special gift to put warm winter clothing on these children? We want to help at least 300 children this year with hats, boots, gloves, scarves, and jackets to keep them safe and warm. These gifts are the tangible expression



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of your love to precious children who live in incredibly difficult situations through no fault of their own. They need your love and compassion to survive the terrible winter.

These children, and thousands of others like them around the world, will remember your generosity for a very long time. They will never forget the moment someone on the other side of the world was willing to give sacrificially from their own abundance so that they might have a better life. You are doing the work of the Father when you invest in these kids' lives. **Whether you give \$50, \$500, or \$5,000, you are giving hope to children with every dollar!**

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