

December 10, 2016

Dear Friend,

This May 26, 2016, Sr. Joann, some 15 volunteers and I will be going again on a mission trip to Ukraine. The trip is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Basil. Last year, besides going to orphanages and psychiatric institutions, we held 4 week long English camps that were so successful that we were invited back to Lviv, Mukachevo, Ivan-Frankivsk and Zutomyr. For pictures of previous mission trips visit: <http://www.stbasils.com/Events/UKMission2017.html>.

Christ tells us “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me...for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” The children of Ukraine, whose fathers, brothers, uncles and friends are fighting for their freedom and dignity are truly the brethren of which Christ speaks, the least, the most in need.

While there, the mission team will be playing with the children, bringing gifts, clothing, medicine and fresh fruit as well as funds. The economy of Ukraine has worsened because of the war.

I would appreciate your prayers and support as we go on this trip. Please consider how you may possibly support us in the humble attempt to serve our Lord and His children. We are asking for monetary gifts this year since food and supplies are plentiful and cheap by comparison (if you have money). Also the airlines are charging \$100 per extra bag. If you cannot help us financially, please keep the team in your prayers - especially during these turbulent times. Donations are tax exempt if payable to: Sisters of Saint Basil and sent to the address below.

Thank you for taking the time to read this request and considering how you can support us in this mission trip.

Gratefully,



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