

mission moments

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ARE YOU AWARE of the *cycle of hopelessness* in the lives of orphans? By the time they have aged out of the orphanage, more than half of them will turn to drugs, prostitution, or suicide. Without a good solution, the problem persists with *orphans creating more orphans*. At Lifesong, with God's help, we are intent on changing that statistic to one that gives hope: *Orphans mentoring orphans*.

Lifesong currently has 15 young adults living in our transition home in Kharkiv, Ukraine, with more than 20 children spending their weekends there. By summer, there will be 15 new residents living there full time.

The weekend programs are special. It is similar to a big brother/big sister program, but the unique thing is that these "big brothers" are orphans themselves. This enables them to

"Let him that is taught in the Word, communicate unto him that teaches in all good things." Galatians 5:6

relate to those still living in the orphanage because they have walked in the same shoes.

These weekends provide special bonding times by playing games (ping pong, air hockey, etc), having Bible studies, making meals together, and **mentoring**. The relationships go beyond friendship; they become **family**, having someone to be accountable to, someone to **care**.



With Christian orphans mentoring orphans, the statistics will change. By God's grace, these children will find belonging in the transition homes and more importantly, in the family of God.

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All administrative costs are covered, so 100% of your donation will go directly to helping orphans

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