



What We Do

Lifesong currently serves approximately 1000 orphans in eastern Ukrainian orphanages through our Constant Christian Presence mentorship program.

Inviting You!...

We invite your church to help care for orphans who may never be adopted through our Orphan Care program. In each orphanage, we are providing a “Constant Christian Presence”(CCP), which is aimed at helping the children and staff build trusting, loving relationships to develop and mature into Christians.

While Lifesong is helping to “change the way the world cares for orphans” - the job is too big for us to do alone. . . .we need your help. We invite you to participate in what God is doing on behalf of the fatherless through the “Adopt-an-Orphanage” program.

What is the “Constant Christian Presence” (CCP) orphan care program?

A Lifesong CCP mentor is a national believer (and/or a married couple), who serves full-time in one specific orphanage and builds deep relationships with the orphan children in that orphanage. They are the on the “front-lines” caring for the children and are responsible for the spiritual and emotional aspects of their care. CCP mentors conduct classes on character and Biblical principles. They spend time with the kids, help teach job skills, relationship skills and help with moral issues, problems and concerns.

Many children live in orphanages and have little hope of ever being adopted. Lifesong (LS) provides for these children in the following ways:



1. **Improving Living Conditions.** Through financial support and mission teams, LS provides basic needs: food, clothing, bedding, orphanage facility renovations, and medical supplies for hospitals and clinics.



2. **Constant Christian Presence (CCP).** In order to provide Biblical training, LS hires national Christians who work in the orphanages on a full-time basis. In each orphanage, LS CCP staff develop trusting relationships with orphans to develop Biblical understanding, one-on-one counseling and support to develop skills in life issues, and to be nurtured in a comfortable and safe environment. The ultimate goal of CCP mentors is to model Christ-centered living. Some of the tools used to do this include sports activities, books, videos, Vacation Bible school programs, camping, etc.



3. **Job Skill Training.** To prepare the children for their future role in society, LS provides practical training with farm animals and equipment, sewing machines, baking equipment, and computer labs.



4. **Transition Home (for children who “age out”)** - Orphan children who “age-out” of the government orphanage system need the support and accountability a church family provides. LS encourages lasting relationships with weekly Bible studies, counseling, and transportation to church activities.

Lifesong's Commitment

1. **Stewardship** - A ministry partner is covering all of Lifesong's U.S. based administrative costs, allowing 100% every donated dollar to go to directly to Orphan Care or Adoption Grants/Loans.
2. **Manage Constant Christian Presence** - ensure that our CCP program is maximizing stewardship and effective in changing the lives of orphans in as many ways as possible.



3. **Facilitate Mission Trips** - LS will help you make travel arrangements, aid in planning the daily activities of your trip, etc.
4. **Facilitate Letter-writing** - LS staff will help facilitate the letter-writing between child and sponsor, including translation and delivery (quarterly or semi-annual basis).

Connecting & Supporting the Initiative

We firmly believe that the only way we can change kids' lives eternally is by engaging the US church and the local Ukrainian church to come alongside the needs of orphan children.

We invite churches to consider making a 2-3 year commitment to “adopt” one specific orphanage/facility. This Adopt-an-Orphanage commitment would include:

1. **Yearly Mission Trip** - a team of up to 12 people visit a Ukrainian orphanage/facility that Lifesong does significant orphan care work in. This is a prime opportunity for the US Christians to work alongside of and encourage the Ukrainian Christians...as you both serve orphans! These trips usually have a daily VBS component as well as some minor construction opportunities. The trips are approximately 6-10 days (depending on activities).
2. **Letter-writing sponsorship** - Although our goal is to engage local national Christians (CCP mentors) to have deep and meaningful relationships with the orphan children, we also know it is very beneficial for the children to have a relationship with their sponsors. We invite individuals of the sponsoring church to write letters on a regular basis, either quarterly or semi-annually.
3. **Financially support CCP ministry** - Help financially support the indigenous “Constant Christian Presence” program and mentors (Ukrainian staff) that will do the year-round, daily mentoring and discipleship.

Proposal: First Baptist Church to “adopt” Sachnovsheena Orphanage

Lifesong invites First Baptist Church to partner with us in changing the way the world cares for orphans and prayerfully consider: “adopting” the Sachnovsheena, Ukraine orphanage.

In summary, we are requesting First Baptist Church to make a 2-3 year commitment in these 3 areas:

1. 1 yearly mission trip to Sachnovsheena
2. Letter-writing to children on (quarterly or semi-annual basis)
3. Financially support LS's Constant Christian Presence program for 180 children; approx \$28,800/yr.

Adopt an Orphanage Program: 2008 / 2009 Fiscal Year Operational Costs

Orphanage	Children	Cost/Child per Month	Cost/Child per Year	Total Cost	55% CCP Staff	15% Travel	10% CCP Supplies	20% Misc.
Loubetin	340	\$19	\$225	\$76,500	\$42,075	\$11,475	\$7,650	\$15,300
Izume	70	\$19	\$225	\$15,750	\$8,663	\$2,363	\$1,575	\$3,150
Sachnovsheena	180	\$13	\$160	\$28,800	\$15,840	\$4,320	\$2,880	\$5,760
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Transition Home	12		\$1,200	\$14,400				
Children's Camp	250		\$60	\$15,000				
Total CCP Program				\$150,450				



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