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In the next three minutes, you can help transform the life of a Russian-speaking orphan who feels unwanted and unloved. Here's how . . .

Dear Christian Friend,

I'm writing because I believe together we have Christ's compassion for broken children.

And in the next few moments, you can help end the nightmare of an "unwanted" little girl or boy trapped in a bleak orphanage in Siberia or the other devastated lands of the former Soviet Union. Their nightmare will only get worse without more help from Canadians like you.

But an amazing rescue starts when you simply reply to my letter with a gift of only \$60 or more. Your Christian compassion in the next few moments will help open a hurting, Russian-speaking orphan's heart to Jesus.

These kids think, "No one will ever really love me." And why wouldn't they?

There are more than 700,000 children jammed into often bleak, underfunded, emotionally cold orphanages. Decades of communist atheism *destroyed* families. Alcoholism is rampant. A pastor tells us, "Many kids have witnessed one parent murdering the other parent. Or other unspeakable evils a child should never, ever see."

Others—I think of a little girl named Oksana—have been literally dumped by drunken parents on frozen Siberian streets to die. When children like Oksana reach age 18, they'll be evicted from the state-run orphanages—with no work . . . no skills . . . no warm clothes to wear. Children like her are often sucked into **drugs, crime, or prostitution, or they simply commit suicide.**

I've looked into their sad, wounded, confused eyes. And it hurts. I *know* what will happen to most of these kids **if Christians like you and me don't reach them in time.**

But it doesn't have to end that way.

Right now, hundreds of local evangelical churches in Russia—your brothers and sisters in Christ—are fighting **a bold, inspiring spiritual war** for the lives and souls of these orphans. You won't hear about this spiritual war in our media, but I help these churches fight every day.

My name is Bill Ball. I'm privileged to serve as executive director of **Slavic Gospel Association (SGA Canada)**. You may have heard about SGA. Since 1934, we've been planting and strengthening churches and making disciples in Russia and the former Soviet Union. And **SGA's Orphans Reborn** program is an important part of our outreach.

Over the decades, we've seen it all: Brutal communist persecution. Pressure from hostile

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religions that don't like sound, biblical truth. Rampant drug and alcohol abuse. Organized crime and human trafficking sweeping up forgotten children. Endless poverty and despair. Yet through it all . . . biblically faithful churches that keep growing.

But I've never seen anything like today. It is estimated that 50,000 children become orphans each year. **Yet out of this tragedy, the fields are ripe for a harvest of young souls!**

Every year, SGA helps **biblically sound churches** reach out through our *Orphans Reborn* program in **five countries**.

Most of the orphans have *never been told who Jesus is*. They're brought to tears of joy and repentance when our workers explain there is a God who **deeply loves them** . . . who sent His Son to die for their sins . . . who rose from the dead . . . and who offers to forgive their sins and give them new and eternal life! **And your gift will help tell a child that story.**

Your gift of only \$60 provides one at-risk, lonely child with a weekly Bible study by a well-trained worker from a local church for a whole year! A \$60 gift will give a child like Oksana:

- **The Good News of Jesus!** Her soul can be saved!
- **Weekly Bible studies** with a trained, loving, Russian-speaking, local Christian worker who can win a child's heart for Christ.
- **A Children's Bible** or other Christian literature.
- **Emergency food and clothing.**

But our *Orphans Reborn* program does more. It connects orphans to local churches. When they leave the orphanages, they have a family of believers to help them build new lives! They will escape the horrors that await them.

In fact, many orphans start new lives and become adoptive parents themselves! But it begins with a Canadian believer like you.

That's why I'm appealing to you to help at least one lonely child today.

God will use your loving gift of only \$60 to reach one precious child made in His image. He will use *you* to help end a child's nightmare and make his or her life into something beautiful for Him. God bless you for rushing your urgent response.

In His love and service,



Bill Ball
Executive Director

P.S. On behalf of an orphan thrown out like trash in the cold street . . . abused by parents . . . feeling lonely, unwanted, and abandoned in a crowded orphanage . . . vulnerable to evil predators . . . please help *Orphans Reborn* open a child's hurting, wounded heart. Send your \$60 gift to provide weekly, life-changing Bible studies and loving discipleship to an orphan for 12 months. And then *pray*. Please let me hear from you!