

"Unto the least..."

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Throughout Ukraine there are hundreds of thousands of orphaned children. A significant portion of your funds are used to help provide clothing, medications, shelter, and essentials of life for these children. Because of your help countless children are helped. When possible I like to give you a face to put with your support.

This is a picture of a young boy in the Children's Hospital in Donetsk, Ukraine. It was recently made by a group of brethren visiting in October. His name is **Ivan Serba** and



he is eleven years old. He is an orphan whose family abandoned him when they found out he had cancer. This is the typical cruel action of a family when one of its members becomes very ill or very old—they are simply abandoned and left as dead. He is currently receiving treatments for cancer. The exact form of cancer is not known but it may be leukemia. Because of the treatments he has sores over his body and you can see some of these around his lips and in his mouth. Because he was abandoned by his family and was in need of

medical help, the hospital advertised in the newspaper asking if anyone would help this boy. The brethren in the Central congregation saw the ad and began visiting him. They take whatever they can to feed him and clothe him. During a recent trip the Elizabethtown, KY congregation purchased some needed medications and gave Ivan a Magna-Doodle that was a part of a shipment that had been sent to Ukraine by concerned brethren. Additional medications, food, and clothing are being supplied by the funds brethren send to help with orphans. In one of the pictures you see Raisa (a member of the Central congregation) standing next to Ivan. Ivan is very polite and grateful for the assistance that has been given to him. The more recent reports indicate that Ivan is improving and has even regained sufficient strength to walk short distances.

