

HCI has been invited to come and work at the Camp in June of 2011. Please come and join us on our trip! You will meet some of the best people in the world and have a wonderful time peeling potatoes. We will begin making our plans in January 2011.



For more information about the camp, visit [Isle of Hope](#) on Facebook.

Or contact [Hearts for Children International \(HCI\)](#).

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IN-COUNTRY PROJECTS

SHARE THE BLESSINGS

Share the Blessings, a publicly registered non-profit organization, was formed four years ago with its focus on improving the lives of children in Belarus. We have tried to efficiently capitalize on the friendships we have made while hosting Belarusian children. Most of our efforts have been in the city of Oktyabrsky in the Gomel oblast, the home of many of the children we have hosted through another organization. Once we visited Belarus, we understood that many things needed to be done.

Children's wheelchairs, clothing, and medical supplies have been sent to Oktyabrsky Hospital, the Oktyabrsky Handicapped Children and Young Adult Association, and Kindergarten #65 for special needs children in Minsk.



Toys, furniture and fruit for Oktyabrsky kindergartens



The Oktyabrsky Handicapped Children and Young Adult Association in Minsk received donations of clothing, a computer, building repairs, medical supplies and wheelchairs.



Kindergarten 65 #in Minsk, where Share the Blessings sent special needs eating utensils with a CofCUSA grant, has also received a jacuzzi for hydro massage, wheelchairs, clothing for Christmas gifts, toys, and fruit.



Schools in Oktyabrsky were recipients of computers, school supplies and English language books.



Share the Blessings has organized two eye mission projects in conjunction with the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. Doctors and advanced students traveled to Belarus to give eye exams to Oktyabrsky school children and glasses to those that needed them. Past chaperones and hosted children served as the doctors' interpreters, giving them the opportunity to help their community and to practice their English language.





The eye school is interested in making another trip to Belarus next year if there is an organization who could help them.



Share the Blessings has

also partnered with the Belarus Children's Fund to raise money for their Warm Homes project. The program aims to find families for orphaned children and to purchase homes into which orphans can be adopted. The Fund has established forty houses since 2000, adopting an average of fifteen children in each. The Belarus Children's Fund selects a Christian couple interested in making multiple adoptions and purchases a family home for them. After fifteen years, the home becomes the property of the couple.



Share the Blessings intends to raise the funds to purchase a family home. The total cost of this project will be approximately \$60,000; we currently have about \$45,000. We expect to stay involved with this home and visit it on future trips to Belarus.

For further information, see the [Belarus Children's Fund](#) site.

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