



Good Samaritan Children's Charities May 2016

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I returned to Ukraine May 03 to May 19 re-visiting hospitals and the Good Samaritan Children's Home of Nagydobrony. Met twice with Amozov National Cardiac Surgery Center, Kyiv, **Head Doctor of the Clinic, Sergiy Siromakha**. Dr. Siromakha had brought MedWish.org, Cleveland, OH, to our attention in March. We submitted an application for GSCC to be a recipient of donated supplies and equipment and were approved by MedWish. I traveled to Cleveland in April and met with Britta Shaffer, Humanitarian Aid Coordinator, to become acquainted with their facility and services and begin to plan how to best serve Ukrainian hospitals. I acquired about 20 pounds of instruments, sutures, syringes and other supplies to use as samples during this trip. The samples were a great hit with both Dr. Siromakha and Dr. Yuriy Demyan, Head of Orthopedics, Mukachevo Regional Children's Hospital. Dr. Siromakha used the instruments just last week in open heart surgery to repair a congenital defect in a newborn weighing less than 5 pounds. We are working together to refine and match his "wish list" with supplies available through MedWish. More on that later...



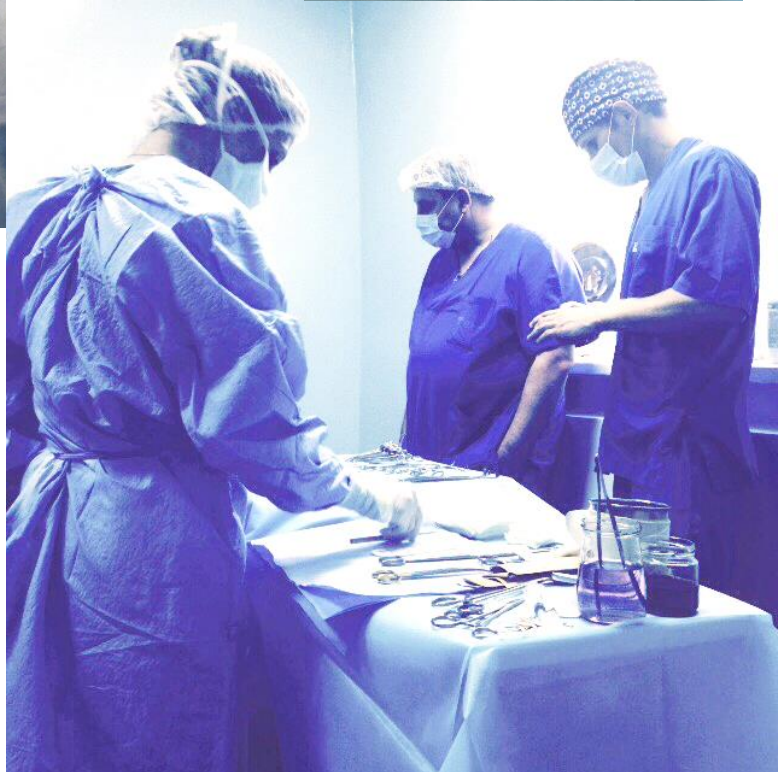
Dr. Siromakha and his Head Surgical Nurse with sutures donated by GSCC through MedWish.org, Cleveland, OH

Spring is here!!

On March 14, Katko looks over the cucumber plants that are beginning to flower. By May 14 the harvest was in full swing. The second layer of plastic necessary in winter has been removed and heat is no longer needed. The 12,000 potatoes that were planted in March are vigorous plants. Strawberries from the greenhouse are about finished just as the field plants are starting to ripen. Machinery for the wheat harvest is being overhauled and made ready.



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Top right: Instruments brought to Ukraine the week before are laid out for sterilization along with a display of sutures donated by GSCC.

Right: Dr. Siromakha, center, prepares for surgery to repair ductus arteriosus on newborn weighing less than 5 pounds.

Above: Photo of the actual surgery using instruments donated by GSCC.

Good Samaritan Children's Charities Projects 2016, Updated

Laszlo Katko, Director, GSCH, is always conscious of the home's energy usage. It is a primary expense and is becoming more expensive all the time. In past years they have reinsulated all the exterior walls, installed solar heat units, and high efficiency wood burning furnaces. The homes windows are 20+ years old and need to be replaced. They were the best they could buy back in 1995 but the quality was still not comparable to western standards. There are 7 windows on each side and four in the front of the main building. Projected cost is \$5000. The windows they take out will be rebuilt and re-purposed. The side windows are direct access to the girl's bedrooms.

(UPDATE): The Hungarian government (foreign aid grant) and the Dutch have contributed money to get this project started. We were able to contribute an additional \$800. There are still a lot of windows left to replace so any help is welcome.



Plans are finished and materials are being gathered for the new wood shed and construction will begin as soon as the spring field work is completed. This will allow wood for furnaces to be stored under cover thanks to a generous gift received during the Christmas season.

MedWish and Good Samaritan Children's Charities' Hospital Relief Project 2016



MedWish receives major contributions of supplies from large hospitals, clinics, and medical suppliers. They make these supplies available at very low cost to approved humanitarian organizations. GSCC was approved in April and I carried a suitcase full of instruments and supplies to Ukraine in May. The hospitals in Ukraine are filling out “wish lists” in anticipation of our shipping a 20 foot container full of supplies. We work with hospitals I know and have a personal relationship with to make sure that everything that goes there is used to the benefit of the patients at no cost to them.

MedWish is dependent on volunteers to sort and catalogue supplies and often has a backlog waiting to be sorted, therefore if we wish a large quantity of any one item it may take some time to accumulate the amount.



Simple supplies such as sutures, instruments, caps, gowns, gloves, drapes, IV tubing, chest drains and myriad other disposables are all in short supply. The budget for Ukrainian hospitals is only about 10% of what it should be since the Russian invasion has sapped government resources and stricken the economy. Highly dedicated and qualified surgeons and other medical personnel have the training and motivation to provide excellent care with the proper equipment and supplies. Even the simplest donated item frees up cash for other hard to find items. All MedWish supplies are checked for sterility and have at least on year expiration left.

The Math:

Cost of Container:	\$1600
Fee to MedWish:	\$5000
Freight to Ukraine:	\$5000
Incidentals/Unknowns:	\$2400
Total Cost:	\$14,000

A 20 foot container holds 10 pallets. The value of medical goods could exceed \$100,000. Many charities only distribute a fraction of your dollar. We will multiply it six, seven, even ten-fold.

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M.M. Amosov Institute of Cardiovascular Surgery of the National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine - the largest public cardiac surgery center in Ukraine, where annually performed more than 4,500 cardiac operations and 3000 endovascular interventions. The outcomes at the Institute are at the level of leading cardiac centers in the world (postoperative mortality 1.3%).

In connection with the military operations in the east of the country and the difficult economic situation in the country as a whole, the government funding to institute this year is only 20%, of the needed, that in the context of inflation will not exceed 7%. This situation undermines the highly specialized cardiac surgical care to Ukrainian citizens and can lead to loss of highly specialized specialists, and will ruin the decades of experience in the field of cardiac surgery.

We sincerely thank you for the humanitarian aid for our hospital. It'll help us to save thousands of Ukrainian lives.

Thank you in anticipation
Sincerely,
Chief of the hospital

Sergiy Siromakha MD. PhD



An International Effort



In Mukachevo **Yuriy Demyan, Head of Orthopedic Surgery at Children's Hospital** and his Head Surgical Nurse display the Stryker TPS Shaver System purchased by GSCC that completes their arthroscopic set up. It was an international effort as different components came from Austria and other countries.

UPDATE: The young girl from GSCH who was struck by a car in January and needed several surgeries had the external fixation frame removed a week ago and is now in a plaster cast for three weeks before starting rehab. Great work, Dr. Demyan!