

# Baskets of Hope

## **The Need**

The need is overwhelming—Hundreds of thousands of children are orphaned, abandoned, and living on the street. For over 70 years, the truth of Christ and His Word was silenced as Communism brought disillusionment and despair to the former Soviet Union. An aimless generation abandoned the traditional family, leaving abused and neglected children to fend for themselves. Many of these precious children have never heard of God's love in sending Jesus for them.

## **History**

Since 2004 SOAR has shared *Baskets of Hope* with needy children in Russia during the Easter season. What began as a project to help child survivors of the 2004 terrorist tragedy in Beslan, Russia, has developed into a wonderful opportunity to share the Good News of Christ's resurrection annually with children in many regions of Russia. Filling a basket with gifts and a Bible provides opportunities to give children hope—not just for today, but for eternity. During SOAR's *Baskets of Hope* distribution at each orphanage, the true Easter story is presented to the children.

## **Impact**

Since its inception *Baskets of Hope* has been a powerful tool of evangelism to reach thousands of needy children throughout Russia. The project has also touched government officials, social department workers, and orphanage directors with the love of Christ and the truth of the Gospel message. It's exciting to partner with Russian pastors who work with SOAR in the basket distributions. They continue to visit the orphanages, providing follow up for the children. Praise the Lord!

## **Involvement**

*Want to get involved?*

- Sponsor baskets and Bibles and encourage your church to get behind this exciting project.
- Write a personal letter to the child who will receive your sponsored basket.
- Pray for the children who will hear the Gospel message during the project.