



## **The Need**

*The need is overwhelming.* - Millions of Russian children are orphaned, abandoned, and living on the streets. 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 that first Christmas day.

## **The History**

*Since 1998 SOAR has partnered with Russian churches* to share the hope of Christ with needy Russian children. SOAR began its *Stuff a Stocking* project in 2002 to bring the Gospel to orphans and needy children during Russia's Christmas season. In the early years importing gifts was expensive, complicated, and time consuming so SOAR began purchasing the stocking contents in Russia. Importing gifts from the USA is not even possible now. Each stocking is filled with hygiene items, snacks, toys, a Russian children's Bible, the message of the Gospel and a personal letter. During SOAR's *Stuff a Stocking* distribution at each orphanage, the true Christmas story and Gospel message is presented to the children.

## **The Impact**

*Since its inception Stuff a Stocking* 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 stocking distributions. After *Stuff a Stocking* they often continue to visit the orphanages, providing ongoing discipleship with the children. Praise the Lord!

## **The Involvement**

*Want to get involved?*

- Sponsor stockings and Bibles while encouraging your church/school to support this exciting project as well.
- Write a personal letter to the child who will receive your sponsored stocking.
- Pray for the children who will hear the Gospel message & for the SOAR team as we travel to Russia to minister in January.