

OUR MISSION

Founded in 1991, Christians Care International (formerly known as 49:22TRUST) brings together Christians from around the world to answer God's call to support Israel and the Jewish people.

We transform lives by raising up impoverished and vulnerable Jews of the former Soviet Union, restoring their hope for the future and bringing them closer to God. Christians Care International (CCI) is a holistic ministry dedicated to healing the whole person through therapeutic services, education and loving, supportive care.

We help Jews of the former Soviet Union to find a new life in Israel, rescue and rehabilitate orphans and underprivileged children, and provide life-saving emergency medical care and humanitarian aid to those who desperately need relief.

CCI PROGRAMS IN ACTION:

91000

Jews reunited with their Jewish homeland of Israel

1700

Abused and neglected Jewish orphans and children receiving our care

650

Jewish teens blessed with a high school education in Israel

OUR HISTORY

The story of Christians Care International (CCI) began in 1991 when a British Christian coach company started assisting in the transport of Jews immigrating to Israel. Since that time, the organization has helped more than 87,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union (FSU) make “aliyah” to Israel.

Over the past decade, CCI recognized that it wasn't enough just to bring people to Israel, but that vulnerable Jews in the former Soviet Union needed on-the-ground support services to overcome poverty, neglect and antisemitism, to help them prepare for aliyah and to stand on their own two feet once in Israel.

Under the leadership and vision of its Executive Director, Don Horwitz, CCI has opened doors and built bridges of trust and understanding between Christians and Jews, resulting in strong partnerships that lift up vulnerable Jews in the former Soviet Union to a new and better life.

Today, CCI defines “aliyah” in two ways – rising up to Israel; and rising up as a person. To ensure a successful aliyah, CCI provides an array of services, including psychological therapy and vocational training, so that immigrants will thrive in their new home of Israel.

LEADERSHIP



Donald K. Horwitz Executive Director

Don doesn't believe in coincidences; he believes it was God that brought him to serve as Executive Director of Christians Care International (CCI). As the grandson of Russian Jewish immigrants who fled for their lives from Ukraine in 1917, Don has always maintained a strong connection with his family's heritage. After repeated visits to Russia and Ukraine, Don saw first-hand the countless children, orphans and adults left suffering from neglect and abuse.

Don decided to act – adopting his three daughters from Russia, and founding a charity in Moscow to help other orphans. Don was first introduced to CCI (then known as 49:22TRUST) as a film maker, when he was asked to produce a number of documentary films for the organization to bring attention to the humanitarian crisis facing vulnerable Jews of the former Soviet Union. It was his experience making these films that eventually led to his answering the call to lead the organization as its Executive Director.

Through his work with CCI, Don has developed a global network of Christians united in their belief that we must all join together to fulfill God's call to lift up the Jewish people.

CCI PROGRAMS

Aliyah Programs:

Aliyah Assistance helps poor Jewish individuals and families to make the transition to Israel by providing a continuum of support services which ensures that they can lead healthy and productive lives as new Israeli citizens.

Vocational Training provides new immigrants to Israel with the job skills they will need to escape poverty and stand on their own two feet.

Emergency Rescue identifies and helps Jews facing immediate life-threatening situations find safety in Israel.

Children's Care and Rehabilitation:

Psychological Services combines neuroscience with advanced psychological care to rehabilitate Jewish children who have suffered from severe abuse and neglect.

Kalaniot Emergency Shelter provides abused and neglected Jewish children with a safe, loving home where they receive 24-hour advanced psychological rehabilitative care.

Na'aleh Preparation Program prepares underprivileged Jewish teenagers to attend high school in Israel where they receive a world class education, and a chance to reach their full potential. 95% make aliyah after graduating.

Special Education Center provides special needs Jewish children with the education and psychological care that they need to secure a brighter future.

Humanitarian Aid:

Humanitarian Assistance provides immediate assistance in the form of food, clothing, safe shelter and daily medication to Jewish people who are suffering on the ground in the former Soviet Union.

Emergency Aid provides emergency medical care to Jewish people who face life-threatening injuries or illnesses.

Senior Care Services provide daily meals, medical screening, advanced therapeutic care and social stimulation for elderly Jews who are living in isolation with little support.

CASE STUDIES : MISHA SPEAKS AGAIN



“The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.” – Matthew 15:31

At seven years old, Misha hadn't spoken in years. He lives with his grandmother, mother and three siblings in a rundown one-room apartment in a rubbish-strewn Ukrainian town. Suffering from severe asthma and grossly undersized for his age, his family was helpless to seek treatment for his mutism.

“We are so poor...” said Anna, Misha's grandmother. **“We do not even know how we would pay for the doctor to help him.”** Misha was not able to attend the local schools because they lacked the trained teachers to communicate with children who are unable to speak.

He never learned sign language, and communicated only by gesturing and grunting.

Without intervention, Misha was destined for a life of isolation and hopelessness.

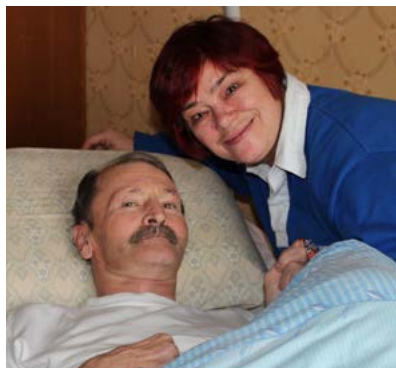
It was time for action.

Christians Care International took Misha under its care, immediately arranging for a full medical evaluation. First, the doctors developed a treatment plan to get Misha's asthma under control, allowing him to breathe more easily. Next, it was determined that Misha's mutism was not physical – it was psychological. We placed Misha in the Jewish school in Bila Tserkva under the care of the CCI psychological team for intensive evaluation and treatment.

After eight months of individualized therapeutic care, Misha is now speaking, receiving three healthy meals per day, and doing extremely well in school. The family now has great hopes for Misha as he is making new friends, learning new skills and is on the path to a bright future.

His grandmother calls Misha's transformation “a miracle.” It is a miracle. The miracle is in the support that CCI receives from caring people all around the world that enables CCI lift up the fallen, transform lives, and bring Jewish people in need closer to God.

CASE STUDIES : FROM HOSPITAL BED TO ISRAEL



“If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” (James 2:14-17)

Making aliyah to Israel had been a life-long dream for Lev and Anna Karpov. Working with Christians Care International’s aliyah coordinator in Bila Tserkva, Ukraine, the couple was approved for aliyah and were preparing for their new life in Israel, when tragedy suddenly struck.

In a freak accident, Lev was hit by a car that left him with life-threatening brain injuries. Doctors had little hope for his survival. Lev’s elderly parents were forced to sell their modest apartment to pay for his initial care, but when the money ran out, Lev was discharged from the hospital, forcing him to lie incapacitated in his small apartment, while his wife tended to his care.

“My husband is my life,” said Anna. “I would do anything in the world to save his life.”

With no money, there was no hope. Anna was desperate for a miracle.

Christians Care International responded to her prayers through our Humanitarian Aid Program.

Standing by Anna’s side, CCI provided Lev with a special hospital bed, medical therapeutic treatments and medication to help him heal.

Miraculously, Lev began to respond, making eye contact, smiling at those around him, and even speaking once again. So dramatic has his progress been that Lev and Anna are preparing once again to make aliyah to Israel, where Lev will have access to some of the most advance medical care in the world.

“I am so grateful for everyone who has donated money for my husband’s care. There are no services available for us here in Ukraine,” said Anna.

Christians Care International brings together Christians from around the world to match faith with action, giving restored hope and new life to those who need it most.