

## What Do We Do?

### Some of Our Projects

- Clothing and supplies sent and delivered.
- Built a small orphanage in India
- School supplies, uniforms, for boys in the orphanage were provided each year.
- 22 trips to encourage and visit our partners in country who work with the kids.
- Christmas parties for kids.
- Picnics for kids.
- Sheets for children's hospital.
- Computers for the ministries
- Hundreds of Bibles for India villagers
- Many, many other projects
- Purchased of "David's House" transition home for orphan graduates in Ukraine.
- Prayer is a priority for the kids, widows, the poor and especially for our partners in country who work with the forgotten ones.

*Join us in the journey!*

### Here in the U.S.

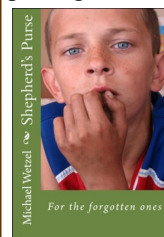
- Monthly email news.
- We send supplies, grants, and monthly support for our partners.
- Support our paid staff & partners
- Speak at many churches and groups.
- Conference displays
- Publish books to spread the need.
- Our board meets to pray and plan.
- Periodic trips to visit our partners.
- Pray for our workers and the kids

## Shepherd's Purse Executive Director



Founder and Executive Director-Michael Wetzel, and his wife Shirley, began Shepherd's Purse in 2003 after being introduced to children living on the streets and

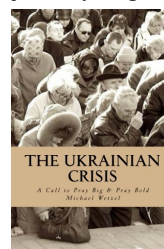
in the sewers of Russia and Ukraine. The ministry has grown to its work with street kid centers, orphanages, widows, and the poor.



Michael was a senior pastor for 15 years and taught college writing for almost 15 years. He has published over 80 magazine and news articles and 12 books.

"Shepherd's Purse - For the Forgotten Ones", is the story of the children and Michael's journey beginning this ministry.

"The Ukrainian Crisis - A call to pray big & pray bold", is a testimony of a prayer during the Ukrainian protests in Kiev and how God answered in a miraculous way. It is a call for continued prayer for Ukraine amidst the Russian conflict.



*Full listing of all books/descriptions on our website. Email us for an even better deal. All proceeds go back to the ministry.*

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**Shepherd's  
Purse**  
For the Forgotten Ones

**"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For...**

- I was **hungry** and you gave me something to eat,
- I was **thirsty** and you gave me something to drink,
- I was a **stranger** and you invited me in,
- I needed **clothes** and you clothed me,
- I was **sick** and you looked after me,
- I was in **prison** and you came to visit me. (Matthew 25:34-36)

**Reaching out to the poor, the widows, and the orphans of Ukraine.**

## Who We Are?

Our organization is small, but our hearts are hearing the heart of our Father. Michael Wetzal began our ministry in 2003 after a trip to Russia. On Christmas day he visited a drop-in center for kids who were living on the streets. They were dirty, smelly, and a bit rambunctious. Yet they craved the love of a father and mother.

After this trip the Lord put it on Michael's heart to start Shepherd's Purse. Each new step seems to be planned for us as God leads us on a remarkable journey. We have a great board that meets on a regular basis and many volunteers who donate their time for the kids.



We are a **registered non-profit**. We survive on donations from individuals, churches, and others who are touched by this tremendous need.

Ukraine was our first focus but supporters helped us build a small orphanage in India for 25 boys and staff. We fully supported it for ten years. Now we re-focus on Ukraine.

*We are not big but Jesus might say, "You gave one coat, one cup of water, one meal, and found lodging for those who were forgotten. You did that for me."*

### Donations

Secure PayPal on our website:  
[www.shepherdspurse.org](http://www.shepherdspurse.org)  
Or checks made out to: Shepherd's Purse

## What Have We Done?

We started out working with kids living on the streets and sleeping in sewers. We then began to partner with small ministries which get little to no help from other sources but work with the kids on a regular basis.



Eventually we gravitated to our partners as they ministered in orphanages. This is where most street kids ended up. We then began branching out to also help

widows and the poor. Then a couple of years ago God also directed us to build an orphanage in India where we came to know Joshua Nag, and his family. They were working with orphans in their area and had great vision to spread the gospel on the forgotten children. Eventually their vision also grew to the needy in their area. At that point we were able to refocus more of our efforts back on our Ukraine partners and the many needs there.



God has blessed all of our ministries in a big way over the years of this journey. We pray that God will continue to meet the many needs for years to come.

*We invite you to join the journey with us.*

## One Girl's Story

Nastya started on the streets when she was four. We met her for the first time in the hospital after she had been hit by a car, at age eleven. Through emails and numerous visits we came to know and love her. Many kids like her end up in the orphanages. Some like Nastya spent most of their lives on the street.

She is now twenty-nine years old, is married and has a son by marriage. They live in an apartment and both have jobs. We continue to pray for Nastya and thousands like her. We have come to know and love many of these forgotten children.



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