



Eurasia World Region

NCM Project - CIS Serving People with Special Needs - Ukraine & Russia

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

During the Soviet reign in what is now the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), people with physical or mental disabilities were hidden away in government-run facilities in order to create the illusion that Soviet families were perfect. Children and adults with special needs did not interact with the regular community, but they were instead taken outside of city limits where few people would come into contact with them. Within the government facilities, they lived in poor conditions and were often neglected by the staff. They were not treated like people worthy of love, but more like animals. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, CIS countries were often unequipped to know how to make children and adults with disabilities as part of their communities. The Church of the Nazarene is trying to step in to model compassionate care of community members with special needs.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Through NCM programs, the Church of the Nazarene ministers to children and adults with special needs and parents of children with special needs. We provide care for children and adults with special needs, spiritual support for parents, and basic provisions for families in need.

PROJECT FUNDING

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