



Meet Maria Husak From The Ukraine

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* Volunteers Wanted *

- Warehouse Laborers
- Kitchen Helpers
- Food preparation
- Drivers
- Food pick-up
- Intercessors to pray for the people, workers and ministry
- Musicians and worship leaders
- *Donations are always welcomed in lieu of Volunteer Time....Thank you*

Meet Maria, one of the most diligent workers we have here at Hope For The Future. About two years ago Maria was in a local store buying some groceries when she ran into a friend. They began to talk

about how expensive things are today. They share an unfortunate and mutual burden that many senior citizens bare, making ends meet! Her friend persuaded her to come down to

Hope For The Future. She said, "Pastor Diana will help you!" Maria began attending Church Without Walls services as well as receiving help from HFTF food ministry.

Not being a lazy person by any stretch of the imagination, Maria could not **be** helped without **helping** in return. She soon began to serve on the food line. Now she helps run the outdoor, make-shift kitchen along with another veteran of the ministry, "Mania". Whether the sun is shining or the clouds are pining, these ladies are out there together dishing out hundreds of hot meals each week prepared at our Farmingdale facility.

When asked about her

faith in God, tears began to gently flow from Maria's eyes. In broken English and with hands clasped together she said, "I can only tell you that every night, every night, I ask

given regularly to her family members who are still over seas.

Hope For The Future has had the opportunity to sew not only into Maria's life, but her family's life as well, by providing needed items for Maria to ship.

She has had 17 years of peace here in America and we are grateful to have been a part of that peace. She is living proof not only of the pursuit of happiness, but that one can actually

achieve it. She has found the secret to true happiness that lies not in what we have, but in what we give!

With no offense meant to the younger generation, "**they don't make em' like that no more!**" Maria is part of a dying breed who does the right thing, simply because it's right, not for personal gain or promised reward. Her testimony should challenge us all to step up to the plate and get moving! Anyone willing to accept this challenge is welcome to start right here at Hope For The Future. We guarantee the work to be hard and the reward to be priceless! Ω



God, please help everyone in the world, God. Please God, help my children and their families'." Maria also finds fuel for her faith at the Church Without Walls' services that she attends every week. The messages have inspired her to continue on in her walk.

Born in Poland and raised in the Ukraine, Maria spoke briefly and discreetly about her younger years and what life was like living under a communist regime. Times were hard, food was scarce and life was oppressed, according to Maria. She also suffered loss of family members, including her father in World War II. On a cleaning ladies salary, Maria has

Fruit That Remains...Patti Betz

Job offer...

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*Experience a must.
Experience in ministry
or a non-profit
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“The true measure of loving God is to love Him without measure.”

(St. Bernard of Clairvaux)

... “Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

(Luke 10:27)

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One day, Patti was walking home from the park with her two youngest children, Ronnie, and Catie. She remembers saying to God, "How are we going to make it?" Patti was recently laid off and was struggling financially.

The father of her children had an alcohol and drug addiction adding to an already "full plate". Patti, a recovered alcoholic, knew the pain of addiction herself and tried to help this man. Her best efforts would later prove to be futile.

As she walked, Patti passed a long line and asked someone what was going on. She was told that free food was being given out. It was for anyone who was in need. Patti and the kids joined the line. She

was soon greeted by Pastor Diane who often combs the line to assess the needs of the day. She moved up toward the front, seeing that she had two little ones



with God was being nurtured into a committed love relationship. Unfortunately, things went from bad to worse at home and Patti was forced to move. She could no longer attend Church Without Walls, or HFTF outreaches. Fortunately she left with enough spiritual ammunition to get her through her next battle. Harassed bitterly by her children's father, Patti had to move yet again. She escaped his grip by doing a "Midnight run", as she called it.

An order of protection helped keep the kid's out of harm's way, however, they were sent to counseling to help recover from their fears. Pattie resolved in her heart that she would be better off alone. She joined a local acquaintance

URGENT!!!!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ASAP!

Some people believe that during the summer months many come to volunteer. But the fact is this: many go away on vacation during the summer and that leaves us extremely short-handed. If you have any free time and you would like to make a difference... please consider joining our team. Your time and help are greatly appreciated!

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We need Professional Fund Raisers, Grant Writers, Graphic Artists, Warehouse workers, Office help, and kitchen helpers.

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Thank you~**

Fruit That Remains... (continued from page 2)

church and God began ther! Jay and Pattie not only came back to to heal her heart. Her have carefully sought say thanks, but has friends, believing that the Lord concerning come back to bless God had someone spe- their path together. with fruit harvested special waiting for her, They have agreed that from the soil in which suggested a web-site God would have them it was planted. It is that others had good give back where Patti's stories such as this one success with. It was a journey began: the that keep our Hope site designed to bring place where her hope alive here at the minis- good people together. was restored, Hope For try. Please know that Patti reluctantly visited The Future. They have you have an integral the site. To her sur- already begun to serve part in the reward that prise she met a lovely, as a family. Joining comes from being tender hearted man both heart and hands faithful to what God who now loves and to the work of God's would have you do. adores Patti and her heart, helping the poor. We seek your contin- kids. Jay, a Christian Remember the one ued prayers and sup- man, has become an leper in scripture that port. May God richly integral part of the came back to say thank bless you. Ω family and soon to be- you? This is a modern story of a person who come husband and fa- story of a person who

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“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord-

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you a hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11*



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A Word From The Pastor's Desk...

As I tuned in to the news this week, I was horrified of what I was seeing and hearing. A very disturbed student walked into both a dorm building and an engineering building of his college campus, and succeeded in shooting to death 32 people, and seriously wounding about 16 others, and then turned the gun on himself. What a tragedy! As the drama unfolded ... it sounded more like a Bruce Willis movie, than the morning news! What followed the next few days? Questions. Who was this young man? Why did he do this? How come no one knew much about him? Who is to blame for allowing him to slip through the cracks of our mental health system and judicial system. There were the 'lone rangers' who seemed to notice that this young man's soul was troubled, but their hands seemed tied by the system. Those with authority in the system had begun to blame shift. That is what it seemed like for the average listener that was tuned into the news. Who can we blame? Who is at fault?

Here are some thoughts I had. Our society has been totally desensitized when it comes to violence. Our children watch way too much violence. So do adults. Our entertainment media is to thank for that. Then, our news media has given enough attention to every gory detail of this story, only to end up unintentionally glorifying the event, and so feed more possible murderers with ideas and visions of grandeur. (Only a sick demented mind thinks of these ideas as visions of grandeur.) With all the spiritual warfare I can handle, I personally will not watch these action movies where life is taken very lightly. We need to value life. How can we when we fill our minds with Hollywood glorified crimes, murders, acts of violence with little thought to the consequences? God help this generation. Also, concerning who is to blame, everyone who passed this young man by is to blame. Everyone who 'dropped the ball' is to blame. Every one who passed him by as he lay bleeding and dying on the side of his 'Jericho Road' is to blame. I am reminded of the question posed to Jesus by the self righteous lawyer who looked to tempt Jesus. "Who is my neighbor?", he asked. Jesus then began to teach the parable of the good Samaritan who was the most unlikely choice for a Jewish Rabbi to commend for his following of the commandment, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." When he finished the parable he said to the man, "Go, and do likewise." Whoever walked passed this man without giving him the time, whoever didn't make the effort to help when he did something disturbing, whoever was this man's neighbor, and pretended not to be... He is to blame. We all need to take a good hard look at ourselves and see where we could have helped, but didn't. By the time this letter was being printed we are not hearing as much of the story in the news, but the ache in our hearts for the families who lost their loved ones is still very present. May God heal our broken hearts and restore our society with godly neighbors who will go the extra mile for the hurting, the bleeding, and the dying.

*Sincerely In His Service,
Pastor Diane Dunne*