

## **Belarusian Children Ministry**

The Belarusian Children Ministry allows us to bring children from contaminated areas of Belarus to give them respite and medical care and demonstrate to them the love of Christ.

In April of 1986 the country of Belarus received approximately 70% of the radiation damage from the Chernobyl nuclear power plant incident. So as part of the Belarusian Children Ministry, children are brought to the U.S. for six weeks during the summer to give their bodies a break from the radiation effects. This has proven to reduce the radiation in their bodies.

WFPC and other churches sponsor these children coming to the U.S. and host families house the children during their stay. Healthcare professionals donate services so that children can receive medical treatment while here. Since 1991, over 3,100 children from Belarus have made the trip to the United States for rest and medical evaluation through the efforts of ABRO (American Belarussian Relief Organization).

This ministry is a wonderful opportunity for our church members to come together as a community and family of Christ as we host these children and show them Christ's love. And this ministry allows us to meet and converse with children from another culture – giving us a chance to experience foreign mission without going abroad.

Children are hosted by WFPC families sometime during the summer.

### **HOW WE CAN HELP:**

- Contact Mission & Outreach Elder at WFPC to inquire about helping to plan a fundraiser for this ministry.
- Contact the church member coordinator below to sign up as a host family, to donate necessary items for the children, to assist with acquiring necessary services for children while at WFPC.
- Sign up to be part of the next team.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Church Office to inquire about obtaining information from Mission & Outreach Elder regarding fundraising for this ministry: 919-556-7777

Church Member Coordinator:  
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