



Chernobyl Children's Life Line

Supporting children affected by the aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster

Belarus, where most of our work is focused, received over 70% of the radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear explosion in April 1986 and as a result, thousands are born every year or go on to develop thyroid cancer, bone cancer and leukaemia.

Our main aims are:

- To bring child victims of the Chernobyl disaster to the UK for recuperative breaks of four weeks - over 46,000 have been brought over to stay with host families since we started in 1992.
- To provide on-going supplies of multi-vitamins and basic healthcare products to the children on their return (thousands of tonnes in the last 9 years).
- To work with our Belarusian partners in Minsk and Gomel, to locate children who are in need of recuperative care from outlying villages.
- To help children too sick to travel by providing chemotherapy medicines to Children's Cancer Hospitals in Minsk, Gomel and other regions.
- Support with medicines and equipment: No. 1 Baby Home in Minsk, and many other orphanages.
- When needed, bring children to the UK for long term medical care and education.
- we are now also bringing children from the Korosten area in Ukraine.

This year has been especially hard for the Belarussians, who struggle anyway with contamination, illness and poverty.

This year they are inundated with Ukrainians, moving over the border, worried about what is happening in their country. All resources must be shared, which the Belarussians are doing willingly - they are worried too, that the trouble could spread over their border.

We and they would welcome your prayers.

Thank you

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