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The New Building Takes Shape

Following an extraordinarily cold winter, the building RITE has purchased in Makeevka, Ukraine is being completed. The radiant heating system has been installed as have many interior walls, rough plumbing, electrical, and drop ceiling systems. We hope to conduct our first classes there in October. Once complete, the new 4,600 square foot seminary building will provide RITE with a much larger permanent home to call our own. And, it will be at a reduced cost from what we are now paying Donetsk Christian University, and what we had been required to pay at the Light of Resurrection facility. Just as important, we won't be required to adjust to our former landlords' timetables. We were often asked to change the dates of our classes, which was very disruptive.

The new complex is in the heart of downtown Makeevka, just a few minutes from Donetsk and our other venues. It's location will provide many opportunities not available in our former locations. The students will find travel to and from the seminary much easier. Moreover, the building can become the venue for any number of Christian activities and outreach during the week.

One great benefit of owning our own facility will be the opportunity to expand the number of students enrolled as resources permit. We will be able to sleep as many as 32 students, and the classrooms and dining room are more than adequate to support that number. Classes might be held on alternate two-week

schedules, something impossible with rented facilities. That schedule could ultimately double our current capabilities.

The total costs of the completion, not including furnishings, is now estimated to be \$50,000. This is above what was originally envisioned, but still very reasonable. We hope that you will prayerfully seek to join with us to help RITE financially to accomplish our vision. Questions should be addressed to either Dr. Van Lees at VPGLEES@aol.com or Merle Messer at merlemesser@yahoo.com.



The RITE building as seen from the rear .

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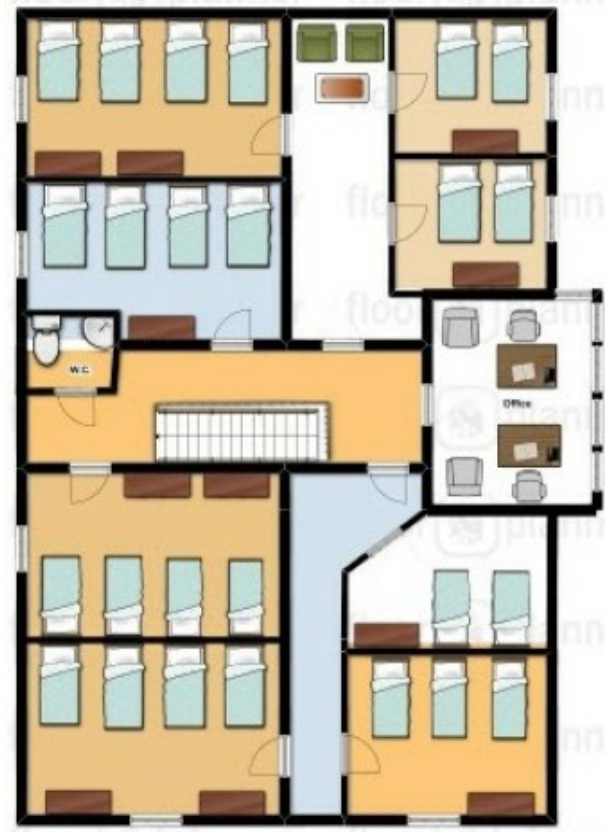
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First Floor Plan

The Floor Plans

The floor plans on this page are to scale, but the furnishings are not, and are merely symbolic of the ultimate needs. As you can see, many furnishings will be required. Beds for the upstairs dormitories, desks and chairs for the classrooms, tables and chairs for the dining room, are but a few of the many items that will be needed. It goes without saying that RITE needs your help to fully fund the building's completion and furnishing. Our next newsletter will try to detail the furnishings needed and approximate costs for each.



Second Floor Plan

Two classrooms are located on the first floor, plus the second floor is accessed by the central staircase in dining room and kitchen, and the central toilet and shower the main hallway. It will provide sleeping facilities for as facilities. Men and women will utilize that latter facility many as 32 students. Eight separate dorm rooms will house according to a separate time system. Smaller restrooms from 2 to 6 students each depending upon need. In addition are located on each floor. The classrooms are 18 feet in to the dormitory space, a bright and sunny office for our width. The larger classroom is 25

feet deep. The smaller staff is also located on the second floor. (By the way, there classroom and library is about 21 feet deep. These sizes is a window for the small dorm room just below the office. are roughly those at DCU and LOR, and are very adequate For some reason, the computer program would not show for our future needs. The kitchen facility is yet to be it.) The wide hallway in the upper part of the floor plan will designed, but what you see is the area where it is located. serve as a small gathering area for student discussions.



Building front: The doors to be replaced with windows



The wide second floor hallway. Future gathering place

If you would like to participate financially in purchasing and completing the building in Makeevka, please send your Name, Address, E-mail address, and let us know what level of support to **RITE Canada**

C/O Kuhn & Company 300 - 31935 South Fraser Way Abbotsford, BC V2T 5N7 Attn: Ian Moes

1 Square at a Time Project

September 2010 rolled around and 15 children who had been abandoned by their parents when very young once again had a great upheaval in their lives. They were forced to leave the orphanage, the only home they ever knew. They were told they had to go to a trade school, where they were shown their 'new' dorms. No sheets. No blankets. No food. No hope.

It is scary to become 16 as an orphan in the Ukraine. Many girls are picked up when they leave the orphanage. They are promised a better life than what they will face, then are forced into a life of prostitution. Anya Bilyo, a 31 year old Ukrainian, has started an Adaptation Centre for Children to prevent this from happening.

What can we do to help?

We are making blankets to keep them warm at night. When we have enough knitted or crocheted squares, we sew them into a blanket and send it to the Ukraine. The squares need to be 6 or 12 inches wide and the yarn can be any weight / colour / type / stitch.



**Warming Up Ukrainian Orphans:
Making blankets from knitted / crocheted squares**



**For more information please call:
Thea Van Dixhoorn 519-633-2746**

Support A Student

It is possible to support a student attending the Reformed International Theological Seminary in Donetsk. The cost per student is very reasonable by Canadian standards, yet it makes an enormous impact in the spiritual lives of these students and their churches in Ukraine. The total cost of operating the seminary in Donetsk includes renting the professors' apartment, renting seminary classroom space, translator's salaries, utilities, student stipends, desk, chairs, library and other miscellaneous expenses. At the present time we have between 80-100 good solid theological library books written in Russian for our students to use.

You can *Support a Student* on several different levels:

Level 1 For \$85 a month, you can fund a student's monthly stipend.

Level 2 For \$100 a month, you can fund a student's monthly stipend and cover their transportation, food and lodging for a month.

Level 3 For \$170 a month, you can fund the entire cost of operating the seminary for a month per student.

Level 4 Any contribution to help with the monthly cost of operating the seminary would be greatly appreciated. You can make either a one-time gift, an occasional gift or regular support for one or more students.

If you would like to participate in the *Support A Student* program, please send your Name, Address, E-mail address to the information listed on the bottom of this page.

If you would like to donate to RITE-CANADA or participate in the *Support A Student* program, please send your Name, Address, E-mail address, and let us know what level of support to this address:

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Please make checks payable to RITE CANADA.

RITE CANADA is registered charitable organization pursuant to the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) under registration number 85102 4000 R0001.

100% of all contributions go directly to support the seminary in Donetsk, Ukraine .

Ways in which you can help

Set up a 'Mission Circle.' Participate in sending warm clothes to the students and their families and extended families. This alleviates some of the material concerns and worries and frees up some finances for perhaps meat on the table or fruit for the children. You can make hats, mitten, scarves, afghans, slippers, pneumonia prevention vests for the children, sweaters, etc.

Coppers for Donetsk

Please help the students of the Reformed International Theological Seminary (R.I.T.E.) in Donetsk, Ukraine by saving your pennies or small change.

Coppers for Donetsk Program

Start the 'Coppers for Donetsk' project in your church, your society, your social group, your community. Pennies add up.

The Coppers for Donetsk Program is working well and we are thankful to God for that. If you need some extra cans for your neighbours and friends and local businesses, please do not hesitate to ask for them. We will be happy to oblige. We hope to have 1000 cans out by the end of the year 2011. This would create a wonderful help for the seminary. We have received cans with \$5.00 in them and also as much as \$80.00! We receive them weekly from all over and from all kinds of businesses and people from all walks of life.

For more information of how to start this project please email theavandixhoorn@rogers.com

