

## November - December 2004 Newsletter from American Ukrainian Medical Project (AUMP)

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### Equipment Shipment

It is our great pleasure to announce that we have just received word that our proposed shipment has been approved by the Cabinet of Ministers. This should be the final approval necessary to be approved for our shipping container from Operation Provide Hope, the US State Department's humanitarian sealift program. We have submitted what we believe to be the last round of pre-shipment documents to Washington, DC. After such an involved process we are overjoyed and relieved to have reached this point. We still await word on when we will actually have our "Letter of Approval" in hand but we are confident that the process will continue while we wait for mail to catch up to us.

For those of you who are interested in helping to load our valuable cargo of donated medical equipment, supplies and computers, please drop me a line so you can be kept up to date on when our container will arrive for loading in Seattle. We will try to schedule it for before Christmas, if possible. As Christmas falls on Saturday this year we are tentatively hoping for a December 11th or 18th loading date. Otherwise it may be necessary to wait until after the New Year. We have some 220 cartons of supplies and equipment to load in addition to a number of crates. We plan to have a forklift available for the largest crates as they are a bit heavy!

### News of Ukraine

Like all of you we at AUMP are watching events in Ukraine with great interest. We hope and pray that Peace will prevail and that Ukraine and her people will find a peaceful, rational solution as they have with so many other difficult issues in recent years.

### Donations to AUMP

The end of 2004 is rapidly approaching. For most of us who itemize deductions on our Federal and state tax returns this is also the end of the tax year and the last opportunity to make charitable contributions which will help come April 15. As a qualified exempt organization American Ukrainian Medical Project could be part of your year-end tax planning. Won't you consider repeating your previous gift, or a new one if you haven't given before?

AUMP is far more efficient than many charities because it is entirely a volunteer operation with a great deal of donated overhead (rent, storage space, utilities and more). One big result of this efficiency is that we have managed to put over \$696,000 in donated supplies and other program expenses into Ukraine on cash contributions of about \$9,700. And the value of our container shipment is not yet included in these results. Over three years our "return" on cash donations is almost 72:1! A common guideline for measuring a charity's efficiency is overhead costs as a percent of total income, with 40% a maximum to look for. For AUMP this figure is actually less than one percent (\$1,197 over \$693,499).

For those of you considering an in-kind contribution of medical equipment or supplies which may also be tax deductible or otherwise encouraged under the law, our shipping address is:

AUMP  
302 - 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE  
Bellevue, WA 98007

Please write us if you have any questions about donating to AUMP. We are happy to help you to help us in our ongoing effort to advance Ukrainian healthcare technology.

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