

Toward a World Without Orphans

The World Without Orphans (WWO) Movement was inspired by Ukraine Without Orphans (UWO). UWO began with a revelation from God that was given in 2008 to Nikolai Kuleba along with a group of Ukrainian leaders.

Nikolai Kuleba has been commissioned by the President of the Ukraine and Parliament to mobilize Ukrainians in all regions and spheres of society (including churches) to work toward the protection of children in the Ukraine.



Nikolai Kuleba

Nikolai shared his testimony at the home of Anita Deyneka, a champion for WWO, on March 13, 2017, accompanied by Oleg Shelashskiy, leader of UWO and International Leadership and Development Center in Ukraine. As we heard the story unfold, we were deeply moved by the wondrous ways of the working of God. "God opened the phrase 'One church one child,' as we realized there were 30,000 orphan children reported in the Ukraine and 30,000 churches," he said.

"Church and children ministry leaders were convened, and the vision shared with them. While in prayer about the miserable conditions of the orphans in the Ukraine, the need for God's people to unite around the effort to adopt them into their homes became clear and the phrase came to mind, 'A church is not a church that does not serve orphans.' It's not an option. It's a command because we were all orphans before God adopted us and became our Father."

Today, seven years later, from 30,000 orphans living in orphanages; the number has dropped to 8,000. Many of those 22,000 orphans are now living with Christian families in the Ukraine. Two thirds of all churches are involved to some degree in Ukraine Without Orphans and adoptions have increased 60%. As word got out with UWO movement initiated by Christians, whom the government credits with taking the lead, others beside Christian also adopted.

It's an inspiration for people in every nation. From this beginning came Ruslan Maliuta, Oleg Shelanshkiy and other Christian leaders who have galvanized not only the movement in the Ukraine but catalyzed a global movement as well