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provide psychological assistance to the children and parents traumatized by the war in Eastern Ukraine.

Professionals from Norway and Great Britain have developed therapy sessions on "Children and War Teaching Recovery Techniques." These have been translated and adapted by experts from the Ukrainian Institute of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (Lviv, Ukraine). The programs help to prevent the development of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms and depression in children who witnessed and survived war and they lessen the need for professional psychological treatment in the future.

### *About the Gala*

In May 2013, ***the Ensemble ultra Schall***, a group that I direct, took part in the Easter Festival "Lord - by thy Strength," performing Brahms' German Requiem in "Tchaikovsky Hall" of the National Music Academy in Kiev. Unfortunately, the war in 2014 ended this valuable collaboration. The sudden interruption with our Ukrainian partners made us aware of the serious repercussions that the war had on children and their parents.

While visiting the International Church of Christ in Oslo, I became acquainted with the great work of HOPE *worldwide*-Ukraine and was deeply moved to do something.

Things came together in 2015, when Dmitry and Anya, members in the Moscow church moved to Zürich! I collaborated with other disciples and friends from the slavic society in Zürich to try help the Ukrainian members by organizing this music and dance gala.

Please spread the word about this and help us make a difference for those in need. If you have any questions concerning the GALA of HOPE, volunteering or the singles weekend please don't hesitate to contact me at julia.medugno@gmx.net or 0041 79 377 44 58.

May God be glorified and may people be blessed!



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## • *UPCOMING EVENTS*

***ICMC US West***
***2017 ICOC Spring Leadership Meetings***
Dallas, Texas USA
April 4-8, 2017

***DT Singles Cruise***
Galveston, Texas USA
April 23-30, 2017

Austin, Texas USA
June 29-July 1, 2017

***Middle East Conference***
Cairo, Egypt
July 2017

***ICMC US East***
Asheville, North Carolina USA
August 4-6, 2017

***2017 Family Ministry Conference***
Denver, Colorado USA
September 1-3, 2017

***2020 World Discipleship Summit***
Orlando, Florida USA
July 2-5, 2020

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# "GALA of HOPE" planned to help Ukrainian Children

*Julia Medugno, Zurich, Switzerland*



On Sunday June 18, 2017 disciples in Zurich are presenting a charity gala in Zurich, Switzerland in support of HOPE *worldwide's* Helping Hand-Ukraine. Anya and Dimitry Khamzin,disciples from the International Church of Christ in Zurich and soloists at the Opera House Zurich will be performing alongside other performers. This production will feature highlights from classical ballet and music. In addition to the main program from the ballet and music world, the event will include an art exhibition of painters from the church in Zürich and a festive reception before and after the performance.

This is a great chance to support traumatized children in the Ukraine through HOPE *worldwide* while enjoying an elegant gala evening!

Additionally, you will encourage the brothers and sisters in Zurich who are donating their performing arts skills for this charity effort! For single disciples, there may be a singles weekend taking place at the same time with opportunities to contribute to this event as volunteers (to be confirmed later on).

So please save the date! Don't miss this opportunity! Together, let's bring hope to the traumatized children of Ukraine.

Find out more about the gala at: www.gala-of-hope.ch

### *About Helping Hand – HOPE worldwide Ukraine*

The goal of the Helping Hand project is to deliver humanitarian aid to internally displaced people (IDPs) from Eastern Ukraine and to

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