

## International Focus

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Welcome to the Depaul International newsletter. 2010 was a really good year for us and has opened up a lot of opportunities for expansion and development in 2011 and beyond. I wanted to take this chance to let you know about our strong start to the year and the plans we have for the coming months.

### /// Outreach bus starts work in Odessa



Depaul Kharkiv has begun work in Odessa, southern Ukraine, providing an outreach service to homeless people in the city. This two year pilot project takes the form of action based research in the city, providing a mobile soup kitchen and medical centre, working out of a large refurbished bus. Over the next two years this bus will stop in different parts of the city, recording the number and location of street homeless in the area.

### /// Depaul Kharkiv set to become Depaul Ukraine



We now provide a wide range of services in Kharkiv; for street children, orphans, those from crisis families and older homeless people. On top of this we are now working in Odessa and in 2012 we are hoping to open a daycentre and nightshelter in Kiev, Ukraine's capital city. As a result of this continued expansion we are hoping to change the name of the organisation to Depaul Ukraine to better represent our work across the country.

### /// Depaul USA partners with local agency and plans to expand



This winter, Depaul USA and local agency Project H.O.M.E. partnered to serve an especially needy and vulnerable group; women with a long history of street homelessness. The Women's Emergency Respite Center provides shelter, medical care and meals to 20-25 women each night and will run until April 2011. Our work continues to expand in Philadelphia and plans are ongoing to expand and develop our services across the U.S.A.

### /// Depaul France development



Following discussions with the Daughters of Charity, it has been agreed that Depaul International will begin an assessment of need in Paris with a view to opening Depaul France in 2012. Paul Marriott, CEO of Depaul UK, will be heading up the initial research and spending six weeks in Paris working with the Vincentian Fathers, Daughters of Charity, the SVP and the AIC to produce a recommendation report on how we move forward. Paul is the first recipient of the Charles Leeming award, an annual award that aims to promote individual and organisational development across the Depaul group

Thanks for your interest in our newsletter and please do pass it on to anybody that you think may be interested in hearing about our work. To read more about our work go to [www.depaulinternational.org](http://www.depaulinternational.org)

Thanks again for your continued support.

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