

## SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Service Activities: The CSS has undertaken numerous service activities in the former Communist Party states of Eastern Europe. These service activities have (1) helped establish our presence in the region, (2) promoted an acceptance of our role in these often turbulent areas, (3) helped us establish working relationships in these communities, and (4) provided needed assistance to people in a time of great need.

October 2000

### **Saving Eugenia Ixari**

In the fall of 1999, the late Marion Doss began an effort to raise the necessary support for brain surgery for a young Moldovan girl, Eugenia Ixari. Thanks to Marion's relentless efforts, we raised several thousand dollars to bring Eugenia and her parents to the US for the surgery. The surgical procedures, which would have cost over \$500,000, were performed at no cost by the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama.



October 2000

### **Cedar Lunga Retirement Home, Moldova**

While in Gagauzia, Marion Doss, Valeria Ciobanu, and Dr. Bowers visited a retirement home set up by the local mayor who was concerned about the deaths each winter of elderly people freezing to death due to a termination of heating supplies. In an effort to support this cause, we worked here in the US with a student group that took the lead in raising the money needed to purchase a furnace used to heat a second building for the town's elderly.



The effort to enhance our understanding of the Caucasus region continued in 2002 with contributions raised by the Doss family. These contributions supported our extensive work in the North Caucasus. As a result of these combined efforts, we able to reopen a school in Alhazurov, a small town in the Urus Marten region of Chechnya. In addition, other projects were initiated for providing medical equipment for the region's hospitals and clinics.



Fall 2003

## **Marion Doss Middle School of Urus Marten**

Alhazurov is a small village in Urus Marten, a district of Chechnya. It is a community made up of both Russians and Chechens, all of whom have suffered equally from the fierce fighting in this area. During the first Chechen war, much of Alhazurov was devastated but no loss had a greater impact on the community than the destruction of their school. For several years, the children of Alhazurov received little or no formal education.

In 2001, Javus Apti, the principal of Alhazurov's now defunct school, discussed his village's problem with Valeria Ciobanu, the director of the William R. Nelson Institute of Moldova. Ms. Ciobanu, in turn, brought their plight to the attention of her colleagues in the Center for Security and Science (formerly the William R. Nelson Institute). Professor Marion T. Doss, Jr. took the lead in a campaign to raise the money needed to reopen Alhazurov's school. When Professor Doss died before the campaign was completed, his family, friends, and colleagues from the university and the military completed this work.



One of the classrooms in the school

2003

## **Heating the School**

In 2003, we purchased and installed a generator for the Marion Doss School. This generator insures the school has heat and, in addition, is able to cook bread to feed the children of the village.



2004

## **Hospital Equipment Initiative**

In 2004, the CSS received a quantity of medical equipment that can be used in hospital and clinics in the former USSR. In March, 2004, Dr. Bowers visited a clinic in Kiev for which much of the equipment may be used. In 2007, the CSS delivered heart catheters to medical personnel in the Georgian Republic.

