

## Beautiful Belarus

Belarus has a rich history typified by the WWII battle at Brest Fortress. Germans expected to capture the fortress in hours but one month later one soldier held out. This heroism earned Brest the title 'Hero City'.



The photo above shows me on a Russian tank at Brest Fortress.



The photo left is called *Thirst* and shows a Russian soldier trying to get water. Many soldiers died from thirst or were shot by snipers as they tried to get water.

The photo right shows a beautiful Russian Orthodox Church.



Belarus has a vast expanse of forests which are home to bison and reindeer. The bison (far left) was about 10 feet away



from our bus when I took this photo.

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## Chernobyl

On 26 April 1986 an explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant released large quantities of radioactive particles into the atmosphere which spread over much of Europe. Because of the wind direction the country of Belarus was severely affected.



## Helping the Needy



Today millions of people are still affected by the problem of radiation. This is clearly seen in the children — many of whom have medical problems as a result of the radiation.

We were able to give out £100s worth of toys, sweets and school equipment on a visit to a school for children with severe special needs.



This is a government funded school but they do not receive any aid from any other outside organisation. Many of the children were overjoyed to receive presents and sweets.



The child (left) did not know how to react when Angela gave him sweets and bubbles.

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## Lyshchitsy Village School



For 12 years we have been bringing children from this small village school for a holiday in Liverpool.

The photo (left) shows the mission team with some of the children who have visited Liverpool in previous years.

Thanks to your generous support we were able to give out £100s worth of toys, sweets and school equipment to this school also.

We were also able to give a financial gift for the headmaster (photo right) to buy necessary school equipment.



Thanks to the generosity of LFC's Jamie Carragher and his "23 Foundation" we were able to distribute dozens of T-shirts to the children (photo left).

Some of the children went on a tour of LFC's Anfield stadium in previous years.

The photo (right) shows Angela with some of the girls who have stayed in our house. It was a joy to be reunited with our "Belarussian daughters".



The lady pictured left was moved to tears to receive baby clothes for her pregnant sister. Baby clothes are very expensive in Belarus.

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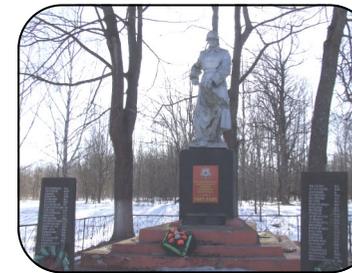
## The Contaminated Zone



The sign (left) is a warning not to enter the 'Contaminated Zone' where the levels of radiation are still dangerously high.

In this zone we passed many deserted villages. Some have been reduced to rubble through neglect (photo below).

Other villages have been bulldozed and covered with earth. All that remains of the village below is a WWII war memorial.



derelict building in a deserted village.

The picture below right shows me standing outside a



The photo below shows 72 year old Nicolai Alexandovich from a tiny village in the 'contaminated zone' less than 100 miles from Chernobyl.



He told us that people weren't told anything about the Chernobyl disaster for days and radiation levels were only checked four months after the disaster.



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