

Dear Christian Friend,

The enclosed DVD, *The Belarusians: A People Seeking Hope*, is a gift to be shared with others. **The 17 chapters with a total run-time of 117 minutes** provide a variety of information concerning the country, the people and their history, and their lives today. This will enable you to have a better understanding of the peoples of Belarus as well as how you can become involved in reaching them for Christ. A brief summary of each of the chapters is provided on the flyer inside.

For 70 years, Belarus, a country about the size of Kansas, was under the totalitarian Communist rule as a part of the former Soviet Union. **It's strategic location between Russia and Europe led to horrific experiences for the Belarusian people.** During Stalin's brutal rule, millions of people were murdered or exiled to Siberia. In 1941, Hitler's army began the invasion of Russia at the fortress in the city of Brest. One-fourth of the population was killed during World War II. In 1986, 70% the radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster contaminated Belarus. Yet, the Belarusians are survivors.

After harsh religious persecution, **the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1991 offered a new hope for some when Belarus declared its independence.** Believers began to openly share God's Word, churches started and church buildings were constructed. Sadly, after a few short years, much of the former religious oppression returned. **Today it is difficult to openly proclaim the Gospel and establish new churches.** The large cities each have an active Christian presence with several churches. On the other hand, much of Belarus is unreached by the Gospel particularly in the small communities.

Our desire is that this DVD will give you insight into the country of Belarus and the Belarusians. **Our prayer is that God will speak to your heart.**

- **Will you work with churches and Believers** in Belarus by encouraging, praying, helping and by going?
- Will you be a sparkle that will set the hearts of people in Belarus on fire? **You can make an eternal difference.**
- **Pray** that many will realize the urgency of the task of taking the Good News to Belarus.
- **Pray** for Belarusians to experience the hope, joy, love and peace found through faith in Jesus.

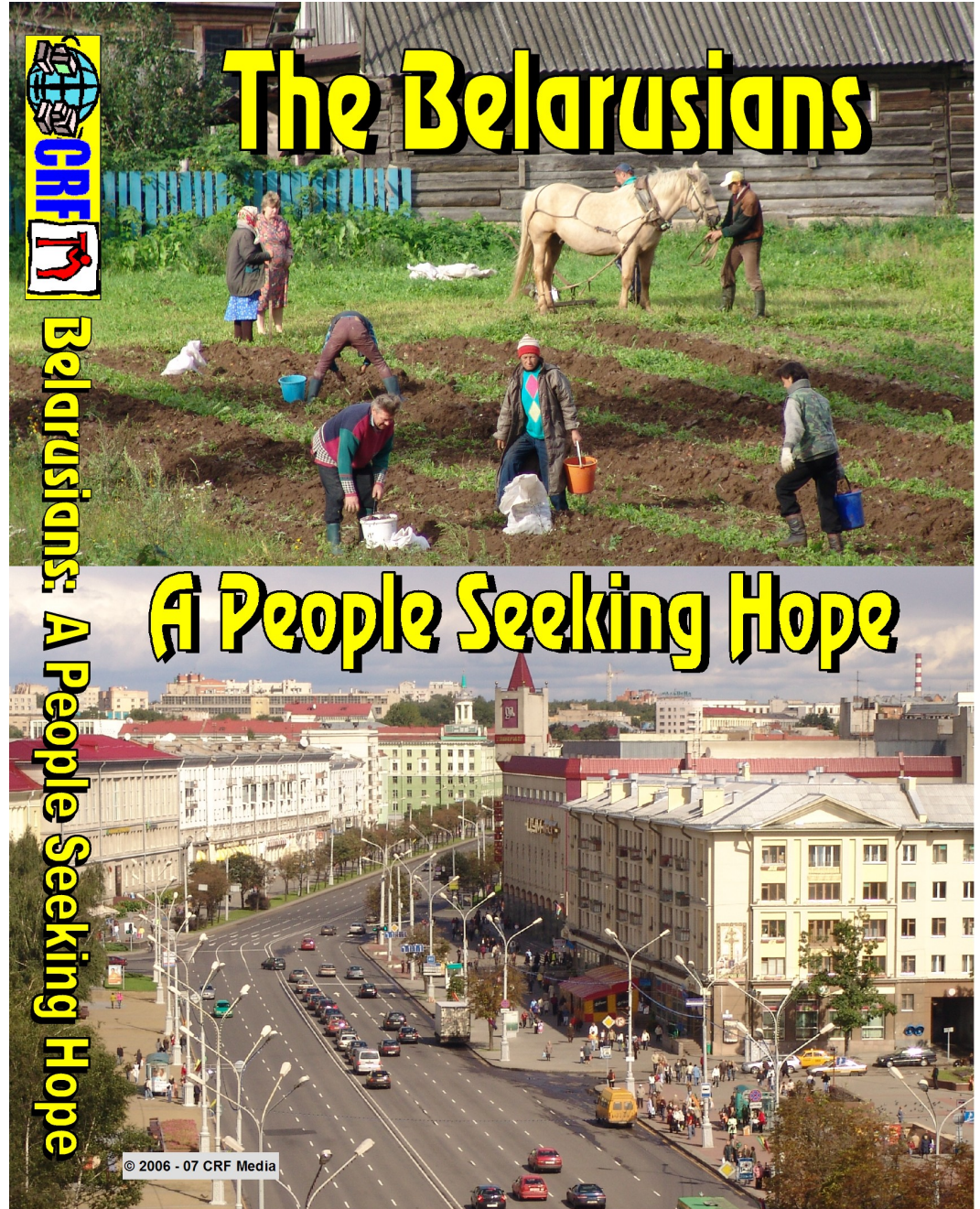
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