


# UKRAINE AID NEWSLETTER

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The King will reply,  
'Truly I tell you,  
whatever you did for  
one of the least of  
these brothers and  
sisters of mine, you  
did for me.'

**MATTHEW 25:40**

# UKRAINE AID 2022

We would have never imagined the horror millions of Ukrainians would face this year or just how God would intervene through the support from donors like you. Your generous gifts have provided \$1.9 million for Ukraine Aid in 2022. Every penny has gone to our Ministry Partners on the frontlines to serve Ukrainian refugees. This humanitarian aid has helped thousands of Ukrainians survive the war. Medicine, clean water, personal hygiene products, clothing, diapers, canned foods, hot meals, produce, evacuation expenses, and shelter are among the humanitarian aid provided for Ukrainian refugees through your generosity these last few months.

In addition to this long list of items, you have continued to provide these same Ministry Partners with Bibles and Bible-based materials.

We can't thank you enough for going above and beyond this year. We hope you enjoy these reports straight from the frontlines.

As we think about how God used your generosity in 2022 with each miraculous story in this report, we ask you to consider prayerfully giving another gift in 2023. The war is not over, and winter is here. With each day passing, more of our Ukrainian friends need generators, heaters, food, and warm clothes to survive these bleak months in a war-torn winter. The need for humanitarian aid remains urgent, and we hope you will consider joining us to provide for as many desperate people as possible in 2023.

Visit [eem.org/UkraineAid](https://eem.org/UkraineAid) to donate today.

## WE THINK YOU WILL LOVE THIS

We just wrapped up our first season of the 55:11 Podcast, and we have enjoyed sharing some of our favorite stories this year. If you have not had a chance to listen, you can stream any of our episodes on Spotify, Apple, Google, or anywhere you listen to podcasts. Our final episode, "Ukraine Updates: Hope on the Frontlines of War," wraps up the season with Dasha Novikova – EEM's National Director in



Ukraine – sharing insight about the Russian invasion and war that has taken place in Ukraine. Dasha discusses the tragic realities of what it has been like for Ukrainians and how she has seen God move in the chaos, with ever-increasing opportunities to share the hope of God's Word with people in desperate circumstances. You don't want to miss this episode!

DASHA  
NOVIKOVA



# FRONTLINE REPORTS

## A Report from Warsaw, Poland

Good news from the church of Christ in Warsaw! A young man named Bogdan was baptized. As a 16-year-old, Bogdan fled the war from Kurakhovo with his mother earlier this year. After arriving in March 2022 in Warsaw and finding help, they constantly attended our fellowship. We thank God that youth are coming to know Christ despite hard times!

## A Report from Sky Door in Dnipro, Ukraine

Our community in Dnipro, Ukraine, is very grateful to you for helping us significantly improve the living conditions of internally displaced persons (IDPs) arriving from combat zones in Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia and settlements in Dnipropetrovsk.

Despite the fact that the city of Dnipro is periodically subjected to rocket fire and the destruction of critical infrastructure, our church and volunteers continue to provide comprehensive assistance to displaced persons, children, the disabled, and the elderly with meals, food packages, and other items.

Thanks to everyone who gives to EEM, many people who are in terribly difficult life circumstances due to the war can survive these harsh conditions.

Currently, there are 113,000 IDPs in Dnipro, and this number continues to grow. Our church family and volunteers continue to provide the necessary assistance because of your generosity.

Every day people request and receive Bibles and spiritual support. This is so valuable. Thank you for these materials.

Presently, electricity and light are frequently shut off, which causes disruption to our shelter.

Pray for us as we prepare for the winter.

BOGDAN



## A Report from Kamenskoe, Ukraine

Since April, we have been setting up a prayer tent near the city administrative service center, where hundreds of Ukrainian migrants have come to register. We did this on Wednesdays and took EEM materials with us every time, mostly children's Bibles and New Testaments. In May, a woman named Natalya came up to us, took a New Testament, and asked an amazing question "How can I help you?" We invited her to a prayer meeting and supplied her with some humanitarian aid. After a month of joining us, she asked for a Bible. Her journey of researching the Holy Scripture began, and in October, she accepted Christ as her Savior: washed in the waters of baptism at age 42.

NATALYA





# UKRAINIANS ARE SHOWING US WHAT BIBLICAL UNITY MEANS

By Bob Burckle, President and Dirk Smith, Vice President

While we continue to serve and support our friends in Ukraine during this time of war, there is much we can learn from the great example they have given us of the power of unity amid hardship and strife.

When someone is involved in a battle, they don't care what labels the person next to them carries, as long as they are shooting at the same enemy. Skin color, cultural background, and religious preference go out the window.

Because when you're in a war, you'll never win by shooting people in your own foxhole.

In fact, not only are Ukrainians more unified than ever during this time, but all of Europe is growing in unity as Ukrainians seek refuge across the continent. People are hearing their stories and expressing support for them, understanding that they could have been in the same position, with just a minor difference in geography.

It was very different during the first crisis in eastern Ukraine in 2014, as no one knew who the separatists were. Those who came in and took over weren't wearing a specific military emblem and weren't identified with any particular nationality. No one in the rest of the country was really aware of what was happening, so they weren't offering to help the eastern Ukrainians. Our EEM Ukraine director and her family had to move, leaving her nice home and farmland to settle as strangers in an unfamiliar place. Meanwhile, in other regions of the country, people weren't even aware of a conflict, and no one really knew who the enemy was.

When viewed through a spiritual lens, this could be said of us today. Many Christians are oblivious to the spiritual war going on in our world. We aren't personally impacted by the

many social and cultural conflicts that have arisen and have no understanding of what persecutions our fellow believers are enduring. We're often apathetic, keeping the Gospel message to ourselves yet complaining that our culture has drifted farther from its biblical foundation.

Similarly, we don't recognize the presence of the enemy, who as in 1 Peter 5:8 warns us, is prowling about like a roaring lion seeking to devour its prey. Instead, many of us would rather see someone who believes differently than us as the enemy. Meanwhile, our true enemy feeds on the division that accompanies denominationalism.

Fast forward to 2022 and it's a completely different story. In the early morning hours of Feb. 24, the entire nation of Ukraine was under attack, with explosions in nearly every region affecting the country's critical infrastructure. Those in the less affected areas acted quickly to open their doors and receive those escaping the hardest hit towns and cities. No longer were there eastern, western, or southern Ukrainians. They were all Ukrainians, united in their enmity with a common foe – one everyone recognized this time around.

It also didn't matter what the refugees' faith beliefs were – all churches were opening their

doors to everyone regardless of denomination or doctrinal differences. People just wanted to help each other. This shared crisis served to bring together an entire nation of people who were experiencing the same grief and the same sorrow and facing the same enemy.

What if all Believers were Unified in this same way?

We're seeing God use the war in incredible ways.

In Jesus' final moments before the betrayal that would send Him to the cross, He prayed for His disciples and all those who would believe in Him, that we would be one in the very same way that He and God the Father are one (John 17:20-23). His heartfelt prayer was for the earliest Christians and for us today. He knew our world would be torn apart by politics, racism, and inequalities, so He prayed for the unity of all who believe – "so that the world may know." This is the beautiful outcome when there's unity in the Church – others will know Him.

If the purpose of unity is to show the world Jesus and draw people to Him, then divisiveness will do the opposite. It will cause doubt and drive people away from Him. We need unity so that people will come to know Him.

We must recognize that we as believers are in a battle – an all-out war for the souls of the lost – and we all fight the same enemy. We must not allow cultural, social, and denominational issues to divide us, taking our eyes off the true foe.

If we can do the same, we can prove the admonition from Ecclesiastes 4:12: "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." It's more than encouraging – it's outcome changing – that we stand in unity with the God of the universe Himself as the third strand in the cord uniting believers around the world, "that they may be one, as we are one" (John 17:22).



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# MORE FRONTLINE REPORTS

## A Report from Chernivtsi, Ukraine

Hello! We are sending you a report on the 282nd day of the war in Ukraine.

With the onset of cold weather, life in Ukraine is becoming harder every day. The enemy ruthlessly fires a lot of missiles and other equipment in Ukraine. As a result, gas, electricity, water, communication, and other things necessary for existence are disappearing. Ukrainians spend a lot of time in basements or cellars during air alerts. Recently my team and I visited the city of Bakhmut, where the situation is very critical. The city is under constant shelling and has almost no resources for livelihood. Most of the residents were forced to leave the city, but some cannot leave and need our help.

Bread and food packages have been purchased and given to many people in need. Nobody else is visiting this city except volunteers, so people are grateful that they have not been forgotten. Because of the constant shelling, we must change our geolocation every 15 minutes to avoid getting caught under fire. Thanks be to God for His protection!

Clothing, assistance for medical examinations, and medicine are among the additional humanitarian aid we can provide because of you.

Your ministry is making a significant contribution to our country. Thanks to those who support EEM, we are actively helping many people who are hungry, cold, and do not have warm clothes.

Thank you very much for your help. May God bless you abundantly!

## A Report from Primorskoe, Ukraine

I have given away several Bibles in my life. I remember exactly - I gave the Bible to my son and my daughter. I bought a beautiful Bible for



my wife. I have given a few Bibles to unbelievers during my Christian life when I evangelized.

The time has come when so many people are asking for the Bible. A lot of IDPs come to our gatherings to hear the gospel. Our friends from Rivne arrived and brought several packages of Bibles from EEM. The demand was high, and they were dispersed immediately. I wrote and requested more quickly.

Today I was driving through checkpoints, and they asked me: "What are you carrying?" I said: "God's Word." I got goosebumps! It's a miracle from those of you who donated a lot of money for these books.

During this time of war, we received and provided a lot of food and other necessary items. The gift of the Bible is what touches my heart, because it is the Word that changes our lives. And now we are able to distribute it. So many people want to take the Word of God. Gratitude...to those people who donated, those people who provided.

God bless you!

## A Report from Sasha Prokopchuk in Kyiv, Ukraine

Our Greetings to all of you from Ukraine! People in Ukraine have their own unique Calendar. This calendar counts our days as we live through the war. Today is December 12, 2022, the 292nd day of the war in Ukraine. In November and December, we go through new challenges.

Russia attacks us every week with ballistic missiles. You could even call it "Ballistic Missiles Rain." Because sometimes Russian aviation sends up to 100 strategic missiles simultaneously. They aim to destroy power plants, power lines, and power systems.

We frequently don't have light, water, or heat in our homes. There are also big problems with cell phone service and the Internet. Living in the 21st century, the world talks about civilization and new achievements. At the same time, in the center of Europe, people live without electricity and water.

We are learning to live, work, and serve the Lord and His Church in new realities. The people of Ukraine are not complaining; we are becoming even friendlier and stronger under these conditions.



For example, at our apartment complex, the guys cook hot soup over a campfire in the evenings. All of the neighbors help each other with their needs.

The enemy can destroy the power grid but cannot extinguish God's light and love within us. We know that all these problems are temporary, and with God's help, we will get through this. Our son, Vanya, visits the orphans at the rehabilitation medical center almost every day.

Sometimes I join him, and we spend 2-3 hours with the kids - eating together, talking about life and God, playing games, singing, and praying. We continue to visit refugees, send Christian literature, and preach the Gospel on YouTube and TV.

We also pray and ask God to help us find and help people and families greatly affected by the war. And we have the answers...on December 18th, we are going to the small town of Lubyanka (near Gostomel). We have been invited to preach the gospel in their village, to bring Bibles, children's Bibles, and humanitarian aid. Now we are busy preparing for this project.

All this we can do together with you. We always feel your prayers and support! We thank you for all your help and your friendship in the Lord!

Peace and Grace to you all! God's blessings!





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## WINTER IS HERE: UKRAINE AID 2023

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