

UKRAINE AID NEWS

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For more than 60 years, EEM has supplied free Bibles and Bible-based materials to Eastern Europe and beyond. When the conflict in Ukraine began in 2022, we knew God was leading us to support our wide network of ministry partners on the frontlines of war with humanitarian aid. We believe God is still calling us to support these partners. The billions of dollars being sent from the U.S. government to Ukraine are not sufficient to meet the needs of all the people, but we have been and are still in a unique position to provide 100% of Ukraine Aid gifts where it's needed the most for daily survival.

In 2023, you helped us raise \$1.5 million to come alongside our trusted ministry partners to provide emergency evacuation, fuel, food, seasonal clothing, shelter, and urgent medical care. Over the two years, your donations for Ukraine Aid have supported thousands of internally displaced peoples (IDP) and refugees both within Ukraine and surrounding Eastern European nations. We have put this report together to give you a glimpse of the impact you have made on a hurting nation. As the war continues, more urgent Ukraine Aid is being requested in 2024 and our goal is to raise another \$1.5 million. Your gifts, as always, go to the people who need it most.

One of our ministry partners in Kramatorsk, Ukraine wrote, "In this difficult time, your support is like a sip of water for thirsty people. Our city is located on the frontlines. It is often shelled, and many people have died. It is sad. But right now, people's hearts are open to Christ, and thanks to you, we reach them. People read, pray, cry, repent, their hearts change. Jesus strengthens their souls, saving them from the clutches of the devil. And this is a blessing."

Thousands and thousands of people have had their physical and spiritual needs met in the darkest season of their lives because you have answered the call to give. Will you

prayerfully consider giving for more Ukraine Aid in 2024? Visit eem.org/ukraineaid.



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- EEM Partner Morning Star Church

UKRAINE AID UPDATES



Zaporizhzhia Church Report

Hello, dear Brothers and Sisters! There is joyful news in Warsaw! On November 16, Vera, a woman from Nikolaev, Ukraine was baptized! She is 76 years old and has visited our church for three months. We have been helping her with food and medicine. And she began to come regularly on Fridays for Bible studies for non-believers. We've been doing these classes (Bible for Beginners) for one month. We have up to 15 people every Friday. We ask for your prayerful support of our new ministry and that God will continue to bring many people.

Additionally the Lord blessed me with an opportunity to help Marianne, a single mom with five children, find a new place to live. It was not easy because they needed room for their large family. I traveled three times, fully loaded with my car, until I moved this family. Marianne has had no one to help her. We were able to bring this family groceries too. It was a real holiday for the children in their new home. Please pray for Marianne that the Lord will touch her heart and she will be reconciled with Him.

We continue to give aid to refugees from Ukraine every Wednesday. After the distribution of aid, we hold a small Bible lesson with tea and sandwiches. A lot of people are coming now, so this is a good opportunity to get to know people. We find out what is urgently needed, and we buy specific items for the families—medicines, food, clothes, and shoes.

I am grateful to the donors with Eastern European Mission for the financial help and timely delivery of Bibles and Bible-based materials. This helps spread the gospel to people!

Morning Star Church Report

Morning Star is known in the city of Vinnytsia as watchmen. Thanks to EEM's financial support, we provided food and aid to IDPs in Vinnytsia, Ukraine. From October 2 to November 27, 1,605 people received support, including 314 men, 845 women, and 446 children.

We also have an art space, “Workshop of Kindness,” for children forcibly resettled from war zones. Thanks for the funding of resources you provided. Children from 530 families visited the workshop!

In addition, we were to transport humanitarian aid to warehouses and carry out humanitarian trips to several villages in the region to provide food kits and resources to rebuild the homes of local residents. We assist in frontline areas every 2-3 weeks. **The needs in these regions remain constant.** Today, there is a big problem with access to vegetables due to flooding.

With the onset of cold weather, many people are worried about the lack of firewood. A large number of houses were damaged after the shelling, so it was challenging to keep warm. There is also a great need for building materials. Homes are partially destroyed, and a

certain number of people are living with relatives or acquaintances without the possibility of returning to their homes.

Thank you for joining our activities. Together, we are approaching victory!

Benevolent Foundation Hands of Help Report

We express enormous gratitude to you for your trust and cooperation. We pray for you and appreciate your sacrificial hearts. Thanks to your funding, we haven't stopped assisting and striving to help those in dire need. In the past month, our team made two trips to one of the hottest war zones in Ukraine, the city of Avdiivka. There's almost nothing left of the city. No intact buildings remain. Consequently, no one wants to go there because it's extremely dangerous. However, there are still 1,700 people living there with nowhere to go. God has placed this city on our hearts. Over the last six months of our trips, these people and the city have become dear to us. We've grown to love them deeply, and they reciprocate that love. Beyond the crucial physical aid needed there now, we simply want to stand by them as they stand by us. Together, we pray for God's protection. With each visit, we increasingly witness how God works with broken hearts, healing them and instilling hope for a life with Him.

On special journey toward Avdiivka, **we continued to learn we can't rely on our experience, feelings, or wisdom.** We see the need for God's constant presence and the desire to lean on His mighty hand. We didn't understand the situation around the city or whether we could enter. God led us, and we reached the city, engaging in extensive communication, sharing Holy Scripture, and praying with the residents. We became guests in their world, witnessing how they live and reside, experiencing their daily lives. Lyudmyla, a volunteer in the area, approached us; she had been helping there. She began inquiring about evacuation for her and her son, Dima, and couldn't hold back crying in deep emotional distress. All we could do at that moment was to embrace her while the shelling of the city continued, causing the walls in the room where



Hands
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we were to tremble. We promised that if we found a place for her and her son to live, we'd come the next day to evacuate them. We found a place for them not far from Kyiv, and she gladly approved. **God did everything Himself; we were simply witnesses to His actions.**

When we set out the next day for Lyudmyla and Dima, we prayed for God to guide us. During a stop to put on our gear (helmets, body armor), we heard that the road and direction we needed to proceed in started getting shelled by artillery. We knew they were waiting for us. We stood on the road, unsure of what to do next, feeling genuinely scared. After prayer with the team, we headed towards the city, and the shelling stopped. As we entered the city limits, we heard the shelling on the road resume behind us. Thanking God, we left with Lyudmyla and Dima unharmed. The next day we brought them to their new home.

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UPDATES CONTINUED

Ascent Mission Foundation Report

Over the past three months, we have received and provided food, hygiene kits, warm clothes, blankets, medicine, baby food, etc. to about 2,000 people.

Today, there are between 500 and 900 thousand IDPs in our city. The number of IDPs has not decreased over the past six months, and the displaced people still need our help and support. We have entered a new winter, the second winter since Russia's full-scale invasion of our territory. Power cuts have already begun, so we are preparing alternative sources of heating and light. We expect that in the near future, the IDPs will need warm clothes, winter clothing, and blankets, so we have prepared to provide these items and fuel and oil.

We are continuing our efforts to provide a full range of services to meet the needs of IDPs. In addition to providing aid assistance to IDPs, we organize weekly distribution of Bibles and Bible-based materials. We have formed groups for Bible classes, and we offer emotional and psychological assistance.

Thanks to all of you for the financial support, we can provide timely, diverse, important, and necessary assistance to IDPs in this difficult time. We hope to continue our fruitful cooperation!

Benevolent Foundation CHMT LIKY Report

In the village of Mala Novosilka, we met a resident named Roman who had spent two months in his car by the river. Until early fall, this village was the contact line, so there are constant explosions in this area.

Because of this, our hero decided to protect himself. One day, a rocket fell too close to his car. While our hero remained unharmed, several fragments hit the car. Thankfully our hero remained unharmed, but several fragments hit the car, forcing him to return to

his home.

We always say that it is safer to be in a war zone with God than in the United States without Him. This situation was no exception. So we offered Roman a New Testament, and he received it.

People need seasonal medicines, flu and antibiotics, fungus creams and warming products (heating pads, blankets, gasoline), and Bibles to help their spiritual state in their free time without electricity or Internet. There is a big problem with bedridden people who need diapers and pads all the time, as well as cream for bedsores.

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The language challenge has become evident now, so people are so happy to take Ukrainian literature to learn the language and learn more about God. We can buy the necessary medicines and medical devices according to requests with the help provided by your mission.

NGO Virniy Shljah Kharkiv Report

We were able to provide aid and assistance in several villages. On one journey to the village of Rachyntsi, there was a mother named Olya, and her four children. Unfortunately, one of Olya's daughters was taken by the Russians and she knew nothing about where she was. Olya's husband was killed by gun fire while evacuating a group of children to Kharkiv. Olya came to us and asked us to pray for her because she was having bad dreams about her daughter. We all prayed together, and brought Olya and her remaining children to a church gathering. We called on members of the church to fast on behalf of Olya and her daughter. 24 people agreed to join.

Four days later, Olya reached out and said she had received a call from the Department for Missing Persons and Children, that her daughter had been found and was set to return on the 27th after medical examinations. Olya asked us to continue praying for this situation, and we are praying for her daughter's safe return. Olya also shared that she had found a small church in the neighboring village, where she now goes to learn more about God.

We thank God for every person who donates, who prays, who works so that people in Ukraine know that they are cared for. They know they are loved by us, by God, and that nothing is impossible for God, no matter where they are. Our hearts are always open to help and burn to bring people to God. We are infinitely grateful to EEM. Let's keep working.

A LASTING LEGACY

Procrastination's root is often not knowing exactly how to begin. The unknown of designing your will or trust may paralyze you and keep you from making decisions that make a difference for your legacy. To help you with this important task, we have partnered with PhilanthroCorp to give you the place to start by taking one step toward building a lasting legacy.

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