

"THE HEART OF THE WISE IS  
IN THE HOUSE OF  
MOURNING..."  
(Ecclesiastes 7:4)



# HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE

## IN UKRAINE

SAVING LIVES FOR CHRIST'S SAKE AS MANY PEOPLE STILL SUFFER GREAT NEED IN UKRAINE, FAITH MISSION FOCUSES ON SUPPORTING CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN UKRAINE, MOLDOVA AND BULGARIA THAT WILL WELCOME AND CARING FOR REFUGEES.

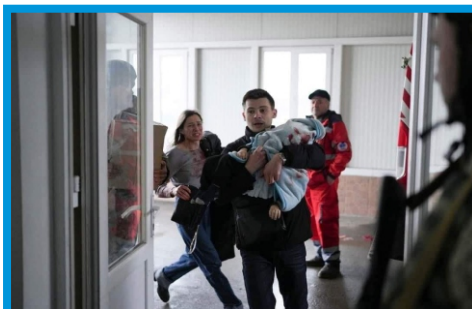
### A DAY OF MOURNING AND PAIN

February 24, 2022 will go down in world history as a sad day. Despite the constant concern of world leaders, few believed that a full-scale military conflict would take place on the European continent in the 21st century, since everyone was talking about peace. Unfortunately, this conflict has now become a reality. Eastern Europe and especially Ukraine are now in a threatening political situation that has a direct impact on everyday life. The economy, which has already been severely weakened by the corona pandemic, is now facing new challenges.

### CHRISTIANS HELP!

Businesses and factories are shutting down because of the risk of explosions and deaths. Supply chains are collapsing, store shelves are empty, and disruptions in the banking system mean that many cannot even withdraw their meager cash from ATMs. Because of the threat of artillery and rocket fire, the population of many towns and villages is forced to hide in basements.

Hundreds of thousands of people, mostly women and children, are fleeing to Western Ukraine to escape the fighting. Chaos, unrest, and fear are increasing in the hearts of men. Despite everything, Christians remain active and provide humanitarian aid to those in need. Many pastors and ministers are taking the risk to care for the needy and injured. They provide temporary accommodations, food and other essential everyday needs. We have listed some needs and concerns of some of our contacts.



During the shelling in Mariupol, an 18 month old baby caught fire. Rest in Peace to that innocent child

### WE STAY AND HELP!

"As ministers of the Christian church, we have decided that we will remain in the church and with the church. We want to take care of both the people in the community and those who are in the rehabilitation center for alcohol and drug addictions. Our fellow citizens of our city and many war refugees are already asking us for protection, groceries, hygiene items, medicines and other essentials. Currently there are long line-ups at gas stations and stores. There is a huge demand for power generators. Unfortunately, prices have risen sharply.

We hope and pray that the conflict will not last long, but we must be prepared for the worst." (Alexander, Ostrog church elder)

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." (Proverbs 3:27)

### WE HELP EXTREME POVERTY!

"I greet you, dear children of God! We ask you to support us in prayer during this difficult time and, if God moves your hearts, we also ask for financial support. As a preacher in a Christian village church, I see a great need for food, since the village is already living in extreme poverty. As a Christian church, we try to help the local villagers and our church members in a practical way."

(Anatoliy, from Odessa church)

### WE HELP REFUGEES!

"Greetings, friends. I am in constant contact with fellow believers in the Christian communities in eastern Ukraine. We are ready to take in refugees from the East. We had purchased some groceries in advance because we saw this conflict coming. We don't know how the situation will develop, but we are preparing for the worst. Please support us in prayer and if possible also with financial means



so that we can buy food and other necessary things. We pray and believe that God will give us the strength we need to face these trials. We are happy and grateful to have so many friends who are willing to join us in prayer in these circumstances

"God give you blessings and peace!"  
(Peter, pastor from the Carpathians)



Peter and his church family from Godilyv at the Romanian Border. Preparing and distributing sandwiches to the hungry refugees.





**THE PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS ACHIEVES A LOT!**

One of the elders from the Eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv writes: "Yesterday (February 25, 2022) refugees came who we accommodated in the basement of the church. There were also some Christians among them. Before going to bed, one child prayed, "God, I ask you that the tanks' engines will shut down and they will not reach us." In the morning, we heard that a few kilometers from our town the tanks had gotten stuck due to an engine failure, we had to cry - JESUS CHRIST answered the prayer of this child!

What would happen if everyone prayed with such faith?

On Sunday morning (February 27, 2022) the congregation experienced God's protection again: "We found armored vehicles about 500 meters from the church building - but there were no soldiers there and nobody was injured. Praise the Lord!"

prayers. It's only through the Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord, that we as His children can share this hope and love with the rest of the world.



Dear brothers and sisters, let's start off with the simple instructions we read in the Bible, we ask you to PRAY...

... for the preservation of life, because many people have to be moved through the line of the shelling,

... for the preservation of homes, because they are a shelter for refugees,

... and I especially want to beg the Lord for the preservation of the church. Someday this will all end, and if the church has survived, what joy to continue to build the church, the Body of Jesus Christ.

(Leonid T. - Pastor in Kharkiv)



**THANK GOD - HE SAVES SINNERS, NO MATTER WHAT!**

Friends, thank you for your prayers! We are alive and continue to serve! Yesterday I was able to take Tanya S. with her children, as well as several other women along with their children, from the Church to the border. Today they are already in Poland. A miracle happened before our parting. I was able to talk again with Ana, Tanya S.'s oldest daughter, about salvation. She decided to repent. Thank God! Today I was able to get products for FriedensBote from the FriedensBote truck in Kovel and bring them to Uzin. God has blessed our trip and I'm already back in Uzin. We need your prayers and thank you very much for your support!



**LET'S HELP TOGETHER!**

In view of the current situation, we ask all mission friends to join us in praying for Eastern Europe! Let us all together pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia and do what we can to alleviate the humanitarian catastrophe by supporting the Christian churches in the East. Also support those who are now doing all they can to help the homeless, frightened and hungry people. Following the example of Christ, it is our task as Christians to stand by those who especially need our help and

Victor Marchuk - pastor in Uzin / Bila Tserkva







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## **Urgent Request!**

March 2022

# **UKRAINE NEEDS YOUR HELP TODAY!**

The conflict which we see in Ukraine right now, has resulted in loss of life and mass displacement. Since the conflict began on February 24th, more than one million people have fled from their homes, many leaving behind everything they own. Landmines dot the landscape and cause a further threat to people on the move. More than 3 million people are in immediate need of Humanitarian Aid, and the numbers are expected to rise significantly in the coming days.

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