

Hello, dear friends!

It has been 3 months since we arrived in the US. It is a little easier for now as we have done all the documentary as refugees and got settled a little, kids started to understand teachers and kids in preschools. Even though we still are fighting with health issues, especially Jenya. And at the same time morally it is still hard. Some days are better but some are really hard. This is not easy for us as we live two lives for now: mornings - back in Ukraine: calling and checking up with relatives, reading news about the situation, talking to pastors, deans and friends whom we know personally and help with humanitarian aid and donations so they can continue their work and ministry to people of Ukraine. Finding out some news or events in the morning can just blow our mind and it is hard to live the other part of the day in "real life" here. But kids still need us, we are still alive and have to go on. We try to put everything together and will be grateful for your prayers.

For now we are focused on how we can help more back in Ukraine. With every day of the war and destruction, needs are growing, the prices are rising up, also the rent and utilities are much higher than before. The job opportunities are less and less, so it is harder for people to survive there economically. But also it is very difficult morally and emotionally. So the churches try to provide all types of help people need and support in every way they can. The next couple weeks as Easter is coming it is a great opportunity to share the Gospel even more widely to bring hope and love. So we'd like to give you the opportunity to join the projects of the local churches we've been part of for the last year and those churches where our family are members of. So here is the work you can join by praying and donating:

1. **New Life church, Tyachiv** (The church at the West which helped us as we fled from the war. The connecting persons - pastor Vasya and Maranda Heytsi).

Ministering daily to the refugees resettled from Eastern Ukraine who are coming to the church (about 100 people) assisting them with food, hygiene, clothing, medicines, housing rent;

Distributing food packages among the refugees at the weekly meeting for non church people (about 80 people);

Delivering humanitarian aid to the East of Ukraine, Kharkiv, Nikopol, Mykolaiv oblast specifically (petrol is needed);

Supplying the military persons we know with generators, food, clothing;

Starting the planting season in the warmhouses and starting the cattle farm to be able to feed the refugees and to send food to the East with locally grown products as the famine is becoming more obvious in perspective

Sending 3 brothers to minister in Chuguiv for 3 weeks to deliver humanitarian aid and help a local pastor to feed and preach for the citizens.

2. **Born Again church, Rus'ke Pole** (The church at the West in whose building we lived in during 10 months of the war. The connecting person - dean Arthur Ursta)

Helping the refugees with hosting, medicines, food and clothing;

Delivering food and humanitarian aid for Eastern cities and villages (petrol is needed);

Helping pastors who are ministering at Donetsk and Luhansk directions;

Providing humanitarian aid for the soldiers;

Supplying the chaplains and soldiers with tools and medicines, tires and wheels for the cars, tents, generators, power banks, thermo cloth, hygiene and food

3. **Hope church, Poltava** (The church where Jenya's dad was a pastor. The connecting person - my mom Helen Kryvobok)

Giving out food packs and hygiene stuff for resettled people from the East;
Giving out food and hygiene supply sharing the Gospel to the locals in the villages at deoccupied territories in Kharkiv and Donbas regions ;
Helping financially to members of the church who are serving in the army for clothing, equipment and food;
Leading 5 Bible study groups a week for refugees at the church cafe with giving out food packages;
Doing VBS programs for refugee kids once a month giving out presents.

4. **God's Family church, Poltava** (The church where me and Jenya are members. The connecting person - dean Andriy Sokol)

Providing help to the people who suffered from the war and families in difficult living circumstances (families of refugees, families with many kids, poor families, families with special needs kids) ;
Types of help provided: food, hygiene, medicines, clothing, shoes;
For now the urgent need is diapers for kids as the church is supporting 80 kids with special needs. Also the big needs are always clothing, shoes and hygiene stuff.

5. **Spring of Life church, Kremenchug** (The church where my older Oxana's husband Albert is one of the pastors. The connecting person is Albert Morokhovets)

Ministering to people who suffered from the consequences of the war and forcibly resettled persons;
Providing psychological and spiritual support at small groups of 10-15 people sharing the Gospel and giving out food bags;
Giving out hygiene sets for the families once in two months;
Leading teens club once a week having snacks and tea;
Studying Bible in groups for adults once a week with meal;
Ministering for people with special needs having a meeting for them once a month with Gospel message sharing and food distribution;
Planning summer camps for resettled teenagers (food, rent of retreat houses, crafts);
Starting to do meetings on a regular base for psychological and spiritual help for soldiers who lost parts of the bodies at war and their families (food, food packages).

6. **Bible Irpin Church, Kyivs'ka oblast'** (The church we were in for 5 months before the war started. The connecting person is one of the pastors Vasyl Ostryi).

Providing daily help at volunteer centers in deoccupied cities and villages with food, water, clothing, hygiene stuff for locals whose houses are destroyed and who stayed with no job and utilities;
Fixing and rebuilding houses for those whose homes were destroyed by russians with the project "Home";
Making basic heating and water systems for bombed and destroyed houses in deoccupied territories;
Having meeting at womens and mens retreats and events who suffered from the war;
Doing charity projects for people in the suffered areas;
Organizing shows and events for kids;
Gathering present boxes for soldiers with the project "Give Easter for the defender".

**Join the help we can provide together for people in need during the war in Ukraine.
Let's show God's love and make the Name of the Living God known in the middle of
sorrow, pain and mess. The Church has the Hope to bring!**