



Update #17: 19th & 26th August

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As donations to our appeal have reached the £1,000,000 mark, we'd like to take the opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and mercies, and for making it possible for us to help in a small way our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine and beyond.

Thank you to everyone who has given so generously in support of Ukrainian people.

But with Autumn and Winter approaching, and still over 6 million people displaced, and many living without heating, we would ask you to consider giving further to our appeal.

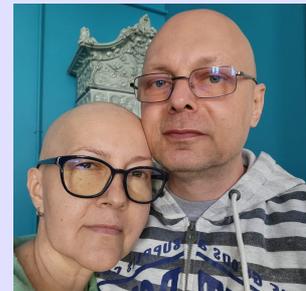
Why not make this part of your church's Harvest Thanksgiving?



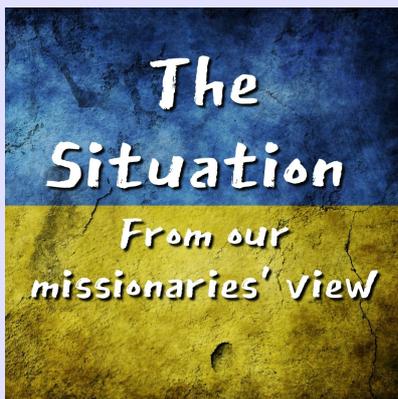
Vitalii Mariash now in training

Please do continue to pray for [Vitalii Mariash](#) who continues in military training. Pray also for Liuda and the children, Marianna and Mark, who are returning next week to live in Kyiv, even though it is still quite dangerous, where they will be helping serve in the church.

Please also continue to pray for **Andrii & Yolanta Kaustov**, who have both begun treatment. Andrii said, *"I feel myself like a fully fuelled rocket after 7 hours of the treatment non stop."* Pray also for their service while in the UK.



Andrii & Yolanta Kaustov



In recent weeks, we've all come to know the name of Zaporizhzhia, because of the enormous nuclear power station which sits on the Dnieper river just 60km away from the city. But since the start of the Russian invasion in the south, and increasingly in recent weeks, Zaporizhzhia has played a key role as the main gateway for refugees escaping from Russian-occupied territories around Melitopol, Mariupol, and Donetsk. With bridges now being destroyed around Kherson, it's become the gateway from this city.

Even now, after 6 months, Zaporizhzhia is still seeing 1,300 to 1,800 refugees coming through the city every day.

A few days ago, we spoke to **Evgenii Lvov**, who is a deacon in the [Baburka Baptist Church](#), and a Bible teacher in the local seminary. He gave us a moving account of the extraordinary work of evangelical Christians at the church.

Since the start of the conflict, the church has rallied its members to help people coming through the city, opening up the church as a shelter, providing aid supplies, caring for families and children, taking people to safety in their minibuses and on the return trip bringing supplies back, and most importantly sharing the gospel as the Lord gives opportunity. We've been

Baburka Baptist Church



This little girl had drawn a picture of her family driving to safety in the minibus.

The enormous nuclear power plant is only 60km away, from which missile strikes are launched frequently.

From the start of the conflict, the church has sheltered and helped refugees every day, and carrying people to safety in their minibuses.

They've helped over 12,000 people, with over 600 taking shelter in the church as they wait to move on.

Evgenii Lvov from the Baburka Baptist church in Zaporizhzhia shares how we can pray for them as they continue to serve refugees.

supporting the church from the start of conflict, including buying a minibus for them.

The church has managed to help over 12,000 people, with over 600 people taking shelter in the church, before moving on to safer parts. Many in the church gathered together to pray daily, but with so many refugees joining them, including non-Christians, they decided every day to share the gospel in their prayer service, so many hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

Please do take a few minutes to listen to Evgenii in the video above. What courage and compassion it must take for so many of the Christians there to have decided to stay and serve, in such a dangerous situation.

In Chernivtsi, the [Heart of Jesus Evangelical Church](#) has been supporting large numbers of displaced people, including giving shelter to over 40 people in a school which they've run as a hostel for the last 6 months. But recently, **Sasha Diankov**, the deacon in charge of the work, let us know that the local authorities are taking the school back, as they re-open for lessons.



Sasha Diankov from the [Heart of Jesus Evangelical Church](#) in Chernivtsi

There is a possibility that the authorities will provide them instead with a good place in the city centre where they can organize a hostel, and accommodate and feed more than 100 people. They also want to organize a canteen for migrants and a place where it will be possible to gather and engage with them. Please do pray for the Lord's provision in this.

Please do pray for the Lord to raise up more evangelical Christian workers with a heart for the gospel, to serve in Ukraine.



Donations Received (as of 12th August):

£1,008,511 has been received since the start of the appeal.

Funds Disbursed:

£857,509 has been disbursed since the start of the appeal.

68% to Ukraine

22% to Moldova

6% to Poland

3% to Romania

1% for across Italy, Hungary, Spain and literature from UK

We are currently giving direct regular support to 13 evangelical churches, across Ukraine, Moldova, Poland and Romania, and others on an as-needed basis. But some of this support is also channelled to other churches particularly in the warzone.

In some cases, we are also providing support to particular families, to enable them to support the work of their church.

We're also very thankful that the 2,500 copies of the New Testament and Psalms in Ukrainian, printed by **Krzysztof Rutkowski**, reached Ternopil last week, and are now being taken to Kharkiv and other places in the east.

For more details of how we are working to make effective use of the generous donations entrusted to us, please [click here](#).

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Many of us have been deeply moved as we've heard from [Pastor Gennadiy Prosjanko](#) about his ministry in the Donbas area, travelling out to towns and villages near Donetsk to minister both to civilians and soldiers, and to share the gospel with them.

A few days ago, we were talking to him again, getting an update about the situation there, and how we could support and pray for



him and his church and family. As we closed our conversation, and he was encouraging us to pray, he told us a story of the Lord's astonishing mercy, which left us with jaws well and truly dropped ...



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