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## Winter clothing needed in Ukraine

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### *Local church taking donations for humanitarian aid*



Local residents are requesting donations of winter weather clothes to ship to refugee locations in western Ukraine. "The harsh winter is coming to Ukraine and hundreds of thousands will be ill-prepared," said Searcy resident John L. Kachelman Jr. "When Russia invaded Ukraine, 300,000 people had to flee their homes and possessions in eastern Ukraine. They left in the middle of summer wearing summer clothes."

He said donations can be dropped off at College Church of Christ, 712 E. Race Ave. in Searcy. A group of local volunteers will load up the donated items into a container Friday and plan for more container shipments in the coming weeks, Kachelman said.

#### Humanitarian aid

**What:** Winter weather clothing (coats, scarves, hats, gloves)

**Where:** College Church of Christ, 712 E. Race Ave. in Searcy

**Why:** Items will be shipped to Ukraine

"We need heavy coats, gloves, hats, scarves, winter boots and any type of warm clothing," he said. "Please help us collect as many winter clothes as possible! Hundreds of thousands are asking for help. Will you hear their plea and respond?"

Kachelman said he keeps in constant communication with various contacts in Ukraine, Europe and the U.S. as a private sector strategy is worked out to provide the critical assistance that is needed in the war-torn nation.

"The traumatic suffering upon Ukraine's innocents is horrific," he said.

Kachelman said the majority of Ukraine people live in "deplorable living conditions," including hospital patients having to "bring their own clothes, own medicines, their own food and they had to go home if they wanted a bath. And the orphanages were in even worse condition. The children there often only had one pair of clothes. Many had no shoes."

Along with the subpar conditions, Kachelman said the hospital's supplies also are outdated.

However, he said there is encouragement. "Our brethren are working to share the Lord's compassion," Kachelman said. "The gospel is being preached. Souls are being saved. God is blessing us with opportunities in other areas of the world."

For more information, call (501) 268-7156.

**SUNDAY, September 21, 2014**

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## Locals Load Buckets for Ukraine

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The twenty-ninth container of 2014 to Ukraine was loaded Friday 19 September 2014. The container was filled with 21,078 pounds of benevolent supplies that included 375 Family Buckets, medical supplies, 705 boxes and bags of winter clothing and shoes and an assortment of other items that are urgently requested at this time to assist in offering relief to those who have been wounded and displaced by the war that resulted when Russia invaded Ukraine in March. Here is a report that was printed in the Searcy Citizen about the loading on Friday. This coming Monday and Friday we will load two more containers that will be shipped into Ivano-Frankivsk and Kryvy Rih (Kriviy Rog), Ukraine. This will make 31 containers shipped into Ukraine thus far in 2014. The most recent reports from Ukraine state that 1.7 MILLION have been displaced by Russian aggression. We continue to receive winter wear items (clothing; boots; coats; hats; scarves; gloves, etc), Family Buckets, and medical items that are essential in treating the wounded. We are being asked for more food for the refugee locations.



**Local volunteers** load buckets full of toiletries, bags of winter clothing, medical supplies, mattresses and other items onto a semi-trailer that will be shipped to Ukraine for humanitarian needs. Donations can be dropped off at College Church of Christ, 712 E. Race Ave. in Searcy. For more information, call (501) 268-7156. Pictured in the photo L to R: B.R. Barden, Paul Lynn Smith, Michael Rodgers, Stuart Bennett, and Jim Adams.

*Thought I would update my status and put some more faces with the tragedy in Eastern Ukraine. Vitali, Olga, Margaret (2) and Maria (4) came by the church yesterday. They are Christians displaced by the fighting in Donetsk and left with not much more than the clothes on their back.*

*The church here is helping; thankfully they have a nice supply of clothes on hand. Olga is an excellent interpreter which will help me immensely. Please keep them in your prayers as they search for a place to live.*

*John Durham, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine*

### Casualty count in Russia's war against Ukraine, through Sept. 10

<b>Civilians killed</b>	<b>2,905 (31 children)</b>
<b>Civilians wounded</b>	<b>7,640 (58 children)</b>
<b>Soldiers killed</b>	<b>935</b>
<b>Soldiers wounded</b>	<b>3,215</b>
<b>Displaced people from Donetsk, Luhansk oblasts and Crimea</b>	<b>1,700,000</b>

*Sources: Ukrainian Health Ministry, Defence Ministry Medical Service, Defence Ministry, United Nations, anti-terrorist operation spokesman Andriy Lysenko, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*





## AN UPDATE ON THE FUNDS RECEIVED FOR PAYING SHIPPING COSTS

We will soon be sending a full report to those who have donated money or commodities to assist those in Ukraine who have been displaced or wounded by Russia's evil aggression.

Our efforts will continue. The cruel winter months are about to begin—from mid-October until early April the temperatures in Ukraine will be harsh. Those displaced do not have the proper clothing and footgear, the housing quarters are not winterized, the heating capacities are woefully inadequate and the food resources are frighteningly scarce.

From morning briefing papers on 16 September 2014 were a number of posts and discussions among which were these two troubling accounts:

**September 16** – *Contrary to the agreements signed by Russia on September 12th with the EU and Ukraine, Russia still intends to punish Ukraine, destroy its economy and introduce duties on Ukrainian goods.*

**September 16** – *Pro-Russian terrorists and Russian military haven't stopped shelling Kuibyshev and Kyiv districts of Donetsk using heavy artillery, – informed the spokesman for the National Security and Defense Council Andriy Lysenko. This is "Russian-style ceasefire". They pretend the shelling is done by the National Guards of Ukraine. Since ceasefire announcement on September 5th, the terrorists and Russian troops fired at Ukrainian military on 296 occasions.*

As of 19 September 2014, we have used funds donated for shipping costs to transport these containers into locations in Ukraine where the displaced people are located and our brethren are able to validate a genuine distribution to those who are in need. Distribution is in the name of the churches of Christ!

Date Loaded	Commodities	Destination	Weight	Value Shipped	Transport Cost
August 27	Rice	Korosten	42,500	\$100,011.00	\$6,894.00
August 26	Personal Hygiene	Zaporizhia	27,554	\$250,000.00	\$7,031.00
September 19	Winter Clothing	Kryvy Rih	22,300	\$154,300.00	\$7,161.00
September 19	General Items	Korosten	22,329	\$150,725.00	\$7,329.00
September 19	General Items	Korosten	21,078	\$136,090.00	\$7,329.00

Here are the totals to-date that YOUR donations have helped the Lord to send compassionate relief and a message of hope to those struggling with the devilish evil of this world is wonderful:

- Total pounds of relief items shipped: **135,761 pounds**
- Total value of items shipped: **\$791,126.00**
- Total cost of transportation: **\$35,744.00**
- **Ratio: 22:1!**

Therefore, for each dollar donated we were able to turn it into \$22+ for relief commodities! This is only possible because of the kind benevolent compassion and demonstration of God's love that has marked those responding to our pleas for money to help in shipping containers! THANK YOU for responding—to God be the glory! (2 Timothy 4:18)

Appropriately the words of the Apostle Paul, speaking to the benevolent giving that would help send relief to those in need, apply to the wonderful response that is being seen in this plea for relief: <sup>12</sup> *For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.* <sup>13</sup> *Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,* <sup>14</sup> *while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.* <sup>15</sup> *Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!* (2 Corinthians 9:12-15 NASB).

## CONTINUING PLANS

We are continuing to collect, sort and pack relief commodities that will be shipped into Ukraine. There is a great need for winter weather clothing items. We have a container in Indiana that is full of winter clothing but we need transportation costs to ship it. We plan to ship a container out of Cincinnati, Ohio of dry food mix and water purifier that will have 300,000 meals and provide 120,000 gallons of water. We are shipping peanut butter out of Columbus, MS in parcel boxes that hold 70 pounds of peanut butter and costs \$120.00 shipping. These boxes will go directly to contacts in Ukraine and will not have to clear Customs. We have 500+ Family Buckets that are ready to ship. The winter is coming. These commodities need to be shipped now as they will require 4-6 weeks for transport. If we ship now we cannot begin distribution until the first week of November when the cold has already begun. There is an immediate urgency to get these containers into Ukraine quickly!

Will you help donate money for transportation costs?

**WE NEED HELP TO HELP THOSE IN UKRAINE. PLEASE SEND A DONATION TO:**

**College Church of Christ/UKRAINE MISSIONS**

**2934 East Moore Street**

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