

UKRAINE UPDATE #7:

THE SHIPMENTS CONTINUE— THE CONTAINER FROM GERMANY ARRIVES!



During the first days of my arrival I met with a contact who said I could get a container of food and relief supplies from Germany but I would have to pay the transportation charges of \$4,000.00. I asked what was available and was given an approximate inventory. I ordered the delivery. The shipment arrived and has been cleared and unloaded. Mike and I were taken to the storage facility and we were amazed at the quantity and quality that we received.

Here is the summary of this container that we received from Germany:

- ✓ The total weight shipped—21 metric tons (46,297 POUNDS)
- ✓ The total cost to us for the container—\$4,000.00
- ✓ The total value of the commodities received—\$197,566.00

The commodities shipped included:

- ✓ Boxes/Bags of winter clothing
- ✓ Flour mixes for bread (loaves, pancakes, cakes, etc)
- ✓ High protein children's drink (for 2 years and under)
- ✓ Canned vegetables (including gourmet sauerkraut—what else would you expect from Germany?)
- ✓ Oats in sacks (each sack weighed 536 kilos—1,181 POUNDS in a very BIG sack—look at the pics)
- ✓ Clothes washing machines (5)
- ✓ Laundry Detergent
- ✓ Canned Meats (beef and turkey)
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Plastic Drinking containers



For every \$1.00 USD spent we received \$23.00 in return! BUT there is an incalculable “return” that will yield fruit for the Lord and His Church! A forever operating principle is found in Ecclesiastes 11:1, 2, *“Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, for you will find it after many days. ² Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth.”*

If you look at the picture of the canned meat you will see that it was packaged with a label stating it was given in Christ’s Name! We will utilize these opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ as it is shown through His Church.

During the last two days (October 21, 22) Mike Lawson and I have visited the storage facility and loaded 5-6 large vans full of the relief supplies. (One of these vans, driven by Vitalik, was so full that its rear tires looked deflated. We received word that on its way to Kharkov and then Donetsk the clutch burned out and so a rescue effort was soon accomplished and the commodities were transferred and delivered.) These vans were going to a number of different cities where distribution will be for the displaced people, the wounded, and the invalids who have lost their money for food. We have personally visited with several shut-ins who had no food except for what we are providing. One in particular stands out in my mind—Her name is Elena and she is 87 years old. She is confined to her home and unable to move far from the sofa bed that is where she stays most of the time. We took her several food items and one of the walkers we shipped into Zhitomyr. She was so appreciative and asked us to have prayer with her before we left.



Containers have loaded from these locations since I have last sent an update...Cincinnati, OH; Elyzabethtown, IN; Columbus, MS; and Germany. We will load two of these containers on October 22 & 23. There has been a constant activity in Searcy, AR as the warehouse gang there continues frantically sorting and packing medical supplies and as they go to pick up various items to ship. I am certain the same activity is going on in Columbus, MS and Ft. Smith, AR (C.U.R.E.).

During my trip into Ukraine I have repeatedly been given great thanks for the shipments coming from the United States of America. Often you hear this simple phrase, “It is good to know that America has not forgotten us.”

I wish you could hear the words of appreciation that Mike and I have heard. Often repeated are the statements that if NOT for the shipments that we have sent there would be great suffering. Those of you who have donated money to help pay the cost of shipping will never know just how valuable your donations are or the impact you have on people thousands of miles away.

There is an urgent need to continue shipping in the containers of food, winter clothing, hygiene supplies, and other commodities.

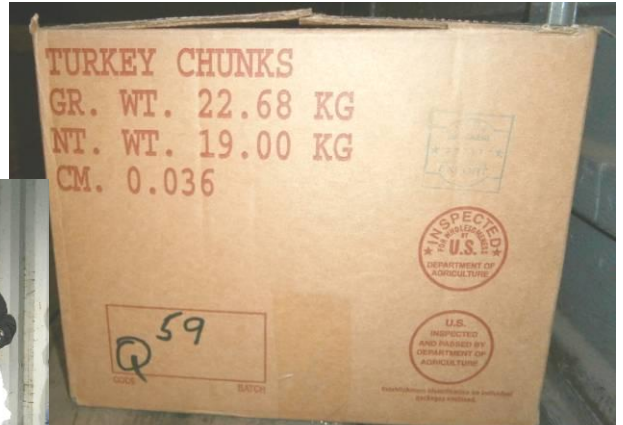
Will you help?

How easy it is to “pass by on the other side” when an opportunity for alleviating the suffering that has fallen upon another—especially if it far away.

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PICTURES OF COMMODITIES FROM THE GERMAN CONTAINER



PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE SENDING...

We have at least ten approvals by the government of Ukraine to ship in more commodities. BUT we do not have funds to pay to ship any more containers than we have already scheduled. So, the urgent request is for donations to help us pay for shipping containers of relief commodities into Ukraine where our brothers and sisters can distribute the commodities. Extra funds will also allow us to pay for more containers to be shipped from Western Europe into Ukraine where they arrive and are distributed in less than two weeks!

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

**College Church of Christ/UKRAINE MISSIONS
2934 East Moore Street
Searcy, Arkansas 72143**

