

UKRAINE UPDATE #11: THE FIRST CONTAINER OF 2015 LOADED!



On Wednesday, 7 January 2015, we loaded the first container of the New Year. This container is being sent to Kramatorsk, Ukraine and will be distributed to those terrorized by Russia's invasion and occupation. The request came from our brother Vladimir Pazyi who has assisted us in distributing a number of containers in that area.

In communication with the Consignee in Kramatorsk I received this note: *Greetings John! I am very happy to resume our partnership and to hear about your sincere sympathetic to Ukrainian people in terms of the Russian aggression. Many people are looking forward to help and thanks to God and help from Church of Christ we have such great possibility to increase this help especially for the orphans. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Best wishes for you and all those in Church of Christ who feel Christian sympathetic to very needy people.*

The Judsonia Warehouse Warriors came out on a very cold January morning that would see the low temp that night of 4F! We loaded the container for Kramatorsk in two hours ten minutes. The total amount of items loaded was calculated as the final paperwork was completed and sent to the freight forwarder. Here is what we shipped on that cold January morning...

- **Total pieces 1,239**
- **Total weight 21,126**
- **Total Value \$155,970.00**



I sent the final load documents and pictures to the Kramatorsk Consignee and received this reply...

From: Berezovskaya [mailto: nbereza@mail.ru]

To: "John L Kachelman, Jr"

Subject: Re: Kramatorsk Load Pics 2

Greetings John!

We have got all detailed information concerning this container. Thanks a lot. I am sure all these items will be very useful for the needy Ukrainian people.

Regards, Valery Ivanovich

MORE THAN ONE MILLION FLEE, UKRAINE CLOSE TO 'HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE'



By Kieran Guilbert

LONDON (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - More than one million people have been driven from their homes by the conflict in Ukraine, hampering aid efforts and leaving the country on the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe, aid agencies said on Thursday.

The number of people uprooted within Ukraine, 610,000, and of refugees who have fled to neighboring countries, 594,000, has more than tripled since August, figures from the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) show.

The U.N. said an estimated 5.2 million people in Ukraine were living in conflict zones, of whom 1.4 million were highly vulnerable and in need of assistance as they face financial problems, a lack of services and aid, and harsh winter conditions.

The conflict between Ukraine and pro-Russia separatists, killed more than 4,700 people last year and provoked the worst crisis in relations between Russia and the West since the Cold War.

Denis Krivosheev, deputy director of Europe and Central Asia at Amnesty International, said residents in separatist-controlled Luhansk and Donetsk could barely afford food and medicines, especially vulnerable people such as pensioners.

"While it may be too early to call this a humanitarian catastrophe, it's clearly progressing in that direction," Krivosheev told the Thomson Reuters Foundation by email.

The provision of humanitarian aid was being hampered by pro-Kiev volunteer battalions that were increasingly preventing food and medicine from reaching those in need in eastern Ukraine, he said.

"Attempting to create unbearable conditions of life is a whole new ballgame... using starvation of civilians as a method of warfare is a war crime."

The battalions often act like "renegade gangs" and urgently need to be brought under control, Krivosheev added.

Social benefits, including pensions, have also become a major concern for those in eastern Ukraine following Kiev's decision to transfer the payments to government-controlled areas, the U.N. refugee agency (UNHCR) said.

UNHCR spokesman William Spindler said those unable to leave their homes, such as the elderly and the sick, and people living in institutions were not receiving the help they needed.

The problem was made worse by the fact that humanitarian organizations had limited access to the areas controlled by armed groups fighting the government, he added.

The crisis blew up after street protests in Kiev overthrew the Moscow-backed president last February and a pro-Western leadership took over, committed to integrating the former Soviet republic into the European mainstream.

This set Kiev and the Western governments backing it at odds with Russia, Ukraine's former Soviet overlord, which wants to keep Ukraine within its political and economic orbit.

(Reporting By Kieran Guilbert; Editing by Tim Pearce)

<http://news.yahoo.com/more-one-million-flee-ukraine-close-humanitarian-catastrophe-182613108.html>

OUR EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING IN 2015!

Our efforts in Ukraine, as well as in other nations, are continuing in 2015. These efforts are all voluntary and all items shipped are donated. Items are distributed freely. We strive to practice the apostolic injunction "So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith" (Galatians 6:10).

PLEAS FOR PARTNERSHIP CONTINUE!

Will you help?

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

He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor...He who oppresses the poor to make more for himself or who gives to the rich, will only come to poverty (Proverbs 22:9, 16).



PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE SENDING...

"As for the life in occupied Gorlovka, there are no working offices or places in town, and people do not get neither their salaries, nor government aids...Elderly people have to provide a lot of paper work to get their Ukrainian pension now. Not every person is able to gather that paperwork and deliver it to the towns that are under Ukrainian control. The Pro-Russian Separatists do not get any payments delivered and do not even allow for Ukrainian humanitarian aids aimed to help citizens of Gorlovka to enter the town. There have been noted many deaths from starvation in the town. The elderly lady we knew committed suicide in despair. In many places, including Gorlovka, which are under Separatists' control, people start revolting because of hunger. Armed insurgents try to make them go away, threatening them with weapons and shooting in the air. Yet those people are driven by hunger and suffering, so they do not fear anything anymore. Our sisters in Christ tell us that it is not uncommon for a person walking down the street to faint because of hunger." (Andrew Zhuravlyov)

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**

Thank you to all who have responded. Please think of congregations and individuals who are like-minded and willing to help us ship more containers to assist those struggling against devilish evils! Forward this report to others who are able to join with us and fulfill Galatians 6:10!

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MORE PICTURES FROM THE CONTAINER LOADING

