



*UKRAINE Mission Update 19 June 2022*

20-30% of Ukrainian infrastructure has been destroyed by the Russian Federation senseless bombing of neighboring and non-threatening Ukraine.

The entire Luhansk Region is on fire; there are no villages that are not on fire or bombed out.

Civilian housing is the main target of RF nonstop shelling.

More than 10,000 Ukrainian soldiers; more than 34,000 RF soldiers; an undetermined number of civilians, in the thousands, have lost their lives.



Approximately

1.5 million Ukrainians have been abducted and sent to Russia.

More than 300,000 children have been kidnapped and put up for adoption in Russia.

Over 10 million Ukrainians have been internally displaced.

More than 5 million Ukrainians have left the country.

Shelling, bombing, and fighting has intensified in Sumy, Kharkiv, and Odessa.

News coverage has dramatically decreased as “war fatigue” has settled in, but the carnage has increased as Satan increases the destruction of Ukraine and its culture.

But, your support continues!

Last April and early May, I was honored to participate in a mission to help Ukraine in its war effort against inhumanity; a brutal and unprovoked Russian Federation invasion. Part of the mission took me out of a warehouse, where pharmaceuticals were sorted and distributed, to refugee camps in Poland and Ukraine. The cruelty and willingness by Russian soldiers to inflict pain upon a



Photos are courtesy of a friend (who wished to remain anonymous) that escaped Mariupol. These scenes are from her neighborhood.

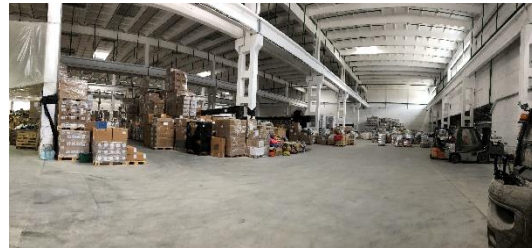
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peace-loving people is beyond comprehension. It is inconceivable that one human could order and perpetrate such atrocities upon other human beings... babies, children, women, husbands and wives. There are simply no words in the English language to describe this image of evil... perpetrated by a people whose world is without God.

**UPDATE: Before getting into the mission, containers of family buckets and other relief items continue to arrive in Poland.**

The pharmaceutical mission begins in a warehouse in Lviv, western Ukraine. The mission was to sort and ready for distribution a pharmaceutical donation to many different regions in Ukraine. What the mission afforded, was an avenue to witness firsthand how aid is delivered, stored and distributed. But the true blessing was talking to and becoming a friend to many who passed through the warehouse, gathered supplies of all kinds, load them into a truck or personal car to transport them to the front lines in the East.



Panoramic view inside the warehouse. I estimate about 5 acres under one roof.

Below, Constantine and I wait for the forklift to move more pallets for us to hand truck to a particular loading dock.

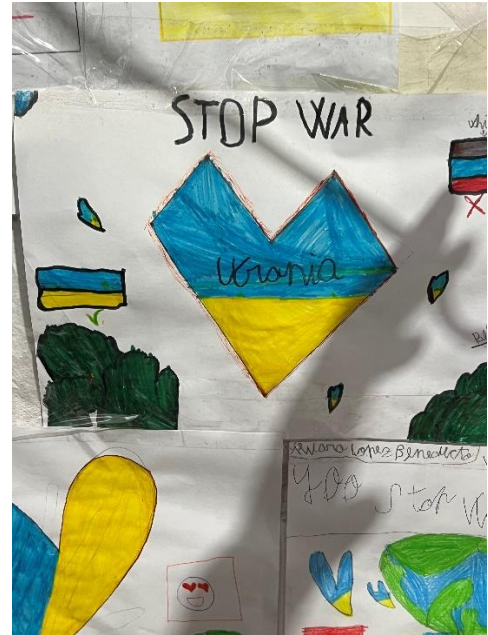


Above, co-missionaries Ed and Rob are pictured placing stickers on pallets. Labels are translated, "A family where everyone loves, The Church of Christ"

***<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place the Most High, who is my refuge— <sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.***

Psalm 91:9–10 (ESV)

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Pictures above and right, were posted on a wall in the break room. Every drawing represented a work of love from children across Ukraine thanking the many volunteers who risk their lives to provide relief and hope.



Above. Air raid warnings were a part of working in country. We could either go outside onto a huge parking lot or we could go to the above pictured area far from the warehouse to “relative” safety and there, look out over the wastewater pond where the area had been prepared to provide pallets and a place to sit.

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It was during an air-raid that I met Igor (I have no photo). Igor was a young man who had lived in the States and graduated from a high school in Michigan. Upon graduation, he returned to Ukraine and told me he would never leave again. He had just returned from Poland where he purchased a used 2013 Nissan SUV. He had it painted, you guessed it, olive drab, put new tires and shocks on it and was now loading it with military protective gear. He was driving into the east where he would turn over the vehicle to the Ukrainian Military... his expense, his choice, his mission. He embodied a spirit I encountered over and over again; self-sacrifice for love of country. We parted with each asking for the Lord's blessing.



Meet Lyubov. Lyuba was another "volunteer" we met. She is a refugee from Kharkov in eastern Ukraine. She had driven up from Odesa, about a 6-7 hour drive to load supplies for her native Kharkov; about 10 hour drive across country. No apparent concern for her own safety, just the wellbeing of people she knew back home. Rob and I helped her load dog

and cat food into her car. Obviously, she had many request to help feed the orphaned and displaced pets roaming the streets.



To the left: just one area of palletted product headed for distribution across Ukraine. On the right, a new shipment coming in.



What gathering would be complete without pizza? The warehouse staff and volunteers fed everyone every day... the food was outstanding! Some of the best borch one could ever experience was almost a daily staple... but on the last day, we ordered pizza! The woman in the foreground opened the box to find chicken and pineapple pizza. Her expression, "You make me so happy!"

Right, Pharmaceuticals are reaching destinations in the combat zone and elsewhere.





Right, Meds make it to the combat zone.

Below is a panoramic view of the serving area. In the background are the many "Thank You's" from children across Ukraine



Everyone wants to know where the help goes. Does it get to the people who need it most? The remainder of the report is just that. Let's start here. Ninety hospitals in Vinnytsia have now received medicines! As John Kachelman said, "This is just in one Region."



On the following page, the team had an opportunity to visit a women's camp in the southern mountains. The camp was little more than a month old when we arrived. A local minister, taking advantage of some existing structures and permits, transformed a few derelict buildings into a camp. As you might tell from the photos, it was cold and rainy when we arrived. The structure,

below right, serves as the gathering hall where food is prepared. We were served delicious chicken borsch. Photographs were not allowed of the women and children in the camp because they were wives of soldiers.



The “skeletal” structure on the left will also be renovated to house additional refugees.



On the left, the kitchen where the delicious borsch was prepared.

This camp and others will receive hand-made quilts from “The Quilt Patch” in Jacksboro, TN and another group from the Maryville Church of Christ in Maryville, TN. They will also receive freeze-dried food from JPAbove.com in Seymour, TN. Items have been shipped but have not arrived.





A view across the cove where the camp is situated



Photo to the left was provided by Ivan Skoleba, minister, Ivano-Frankivsk Church of Christ. Ivan says this is aid from the church to villages in the Mykolaiv Region: Snegiriovka, Bashtanka, Elizavetovka, and Novy Bug. Mykolaiv lies between Odessa to the west and Kherson to the east. It is a heavily bombed region. Two volunteers, Vitaly and driver Sergiy, delivered the aid to these places.

On the following page, the Church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk distributes shipped items, purchased goods, and buckets to area residents and refugees.



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 ЗОХИСНИЙ ВІСК  
 АНТИДОЩ ДЛЯ СКЛАД  
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 ХІМЧИСТКА

Хімістка сталі  
 Хімістка сидінь (1 місяць)  
 Хімістка дверних карт (1 шт.)  
 Хімістка багажника  
 Хімістка підлоги  
 Хімістка салону

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 не несе відповідальність.





Photos on this and the following page were supplied by Iryna Zub in Krasnopilla, Sumy, Ukraine... walking distance from the Russian border. These items were supplied through your financial support.

Since these photos were made, Krasnopillia has been heavily shelled by RF terrorist.

Iryna has had to flee the area as have many residents. Krasnopilla is a small village of no military significance. The RF intentionally



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Your support is critical for the continued support of the displaced families of Ukraine.

Consider contributing to keep aid flowing into Ukraine.

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