

UkraineMissions

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Dear brethren,

I am writing to THANK YOU for your generosity in partnering with me in 2023 to show the Lord's compassion to those in Ukraine. Your generosity was an amazing gift that was used to bring glory to God through His Church in Ukraine. I continue hearing from governmental and military officials that the churches of Christ have done more to send relief than anyone else. This benevolence is being utilized to develop evangelistic efforts after the war. Consequently, the Lord's Church has been invited to coordinate "spiritual rehabilitation" projects throughout the nation.

The compassion of the Lord's Church has shipped hundreds of Family Buckets, blankets, hygiene items, food, clothing, shoes, and medical supplies. I post regular updates on my website. I hope you reference it for news.

The efforts in 2023, that the Lord accomplished, are amazing!

- 144 Projects
- Value of benevolent items shipped: \$33,024,768.82
- Weight of benevolent items shipped: 2,781,852 pounds

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Our efforts in Ukraine continue in spite of obstacles impeding progress. We are constantly challenged by the on-going war. Thankfully we have brethren who have remained in Ukraine and are involved in benevolent efforts. However a very critical situation exists where the Church has been depopulated and those remaining congregations are deserted as the more mature have fled the country and many have been brought to the USA. Many pre-war congregations (even those in the safe regions) do not meet because many left the country. Another challenge continues to be funding. We continue to be offered commodities that are needed but the funds to ship these have dwindled to a trickle.



An amazing opportunity BECAUSE of our shipments and distributions over the last two years.

In October we met with representatives from Ukraine's Parliament and the Ministry of Health. We discussed the rehabilitation project that must be implemented because of the war. There is envisioned a total rehabilitation project involving the Physical, Social/Emotional, Family, and Spiritual.

Every Ukrainian has lost one or more to the war and the entire nation is now, and will be for a generation, impacted in a negative way. I have been working with this project as I shipped therapy equipment into Ukraine. Because of our involvement, I have been asked if the

Churches of Christ will direct operations for the spiritual issues and I jumped at the offer. What a wonderful opportunity! Just think of this opportunity—the entire nation is open for us to teach biblical truths that will help those suffering from war's trauma!

Charita: "Hello John, Finally, have some time to sit and write. Seeing you today was such a pleasure, and I am very excited about this last meeting. The hospital we visited today shows much progress, and we have spoken with doctors who provide PTSD treatment to patients. I was so proud to hear that they have invited Churches of Christ to provide spiritual guidance as a part of their program."

Another amazing opportunity—the Life Boxes!

Another exciting development that has opened doors for us. A group is packing "Life Boxes." These are boxes of food and hygiene supplies for a family of four for a week. They are being packed in Lublin, Poland and transported to congregations in Ukraine for distribution. These are dedicated to villages on or near the frontline. They will be delivered by the military BUT distribution is to be by churches. The motto will be "Churches of Christ feed the soul, Life Boxes feed the body" and will be on the box next to the "Life Boxes" logo. Note: THESE WILL ONLY GO TO THE FRONTLINE areas. These will be transported and distributed free. We have sent a container of food that is being packed in these boxes. This will give the congregations in the frontline areas a wonderful way to bring glory to God. I pray we can get congregations involved. The congregations cannot be more than 20 miles away from frontline. And they must be willing to work! Our brethren will be responsible for receiving a number of the boxes (not the entire shipment); distributing to the needy in villages with priority being families with children; photos and after-action reports to be sent immediately.

The Year Ahead...

We are excited about the open doors for the gospel in 2024! The congregation in Ivano-Frankivsk is doing well. We have recently sent two brethren (Andrew "Gif" Gifford and Perry Baker) from Dalraida who are living there. The Ivan Skoleba family was funded, by unknowns to us, to emigrate to the USA. His last Sunday in Ukraine was 28 January 2024. We do not know where he is going to live. Our focus remains in Ukraine!

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