

Ukraine Crisis Update

During the last week of February, Sister Cathy Payne, our Global Missions Coordinator, had the opportunity to sit down with Brother Vitaliy, our Ukraine National Overseer, during the Europe, C.I.S. and Middle East Leadership Conference which was held in Germany.

In this communiqué, I will not be able to share openly all of Sister Cathy's notes from that meeting as we do not want to jeopardize our dear people on the ground who are actively and daily working to provide food, supplies, and shelter to our displaced brothers and sisters in Ukraine. However, I can share with you that the situation still remains grim and in need of your daily prayer support.

The expression "Use a picture. It's worth a thousand words." first appeared in a 1911 newspaper article quoting editor Arthur Brisbane about his discussion on journalism and publicity. How fitting that expression is for the photos you will view within this newsletter—no words can adequately coin a descriptive phrase for these photos as you will see. It is estimated, at this point, around 20,000 Ukrainians have been killed, and approximately 67,000 have been wounded.

Presently, our COGOP fellowships in Ukraine are set up inside 8 of these volatile regions. They continue serving meals to 200-500 people daily 3 times a day. By restructuring their meal plans, they have now been able to reduce the cost of each meal to 30¢ per person, but it still is requiring around \$3,000 per day to undertake such a task. Brother Vitaliy estimated that around 600,000 meals have been served to-date. Your loving support has been instrumental in such provision. Thank you!

The great news is that in addition to the physical food, they have been able to share spiritual food from the Gospel with these individuals who are coming to enjoy a meal. Thus far, around 150,000 souls have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. And, our local church in Kiev continues to minister to multiple refugees who have fled to their area as well. They are still conducting 4 services each Sunday in Kiev with a seating capacity for each service of around 1,200 people. Right before Brother Vitaliy departed for the conference in Germany, 60 people gave their hearts to Jesus on that particular Sunday in Kiev. It has been known for some time that persecution causes people to react positively toward the Gospel, and these statistics are full proof of such facts. May God continue to open the hearts of the Ukrainian people to be receptive to His great love.

Regarding an update on our displaced orphans, there are more than 20 children who have been relocated to the new home in Kiev. We have helped other children make it safely across the border to a children's home in Afghanistan; and have escorted other children over the border into Poland where they will be safely cared for and nurtured. The children whom we could not place within these previously listed settings are being cared for by a family within our fellowship. Please continue to pray for all of these precious children—their emotional well being, safety, provision, and most of all for the loving arms of Jesus to comfort them during this challenging time of unrest.

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Thank you for your prayers and loving support.

These photos portray the vivid circumstances, living conditions, and present hardships being endured by our Ukrainian family in the eight affected regions. We are truly grateful to God for your prayers and to be so graciously loved by you—our supportive COGOP Family.



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Psalm 18:28-31, "...the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?"

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Care Packages packed, organized, and headed for distribution to the affected areas, as well as, for our orphans and children who have been displaced by this crisis. Psalm 18:46, "The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior!" Matthew 25:36-39, "Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?"



Luke 18:15-17, "And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."

Bishop Vitaliy conveyed the following message to everyone:

We are so grateful to everyone for helping make this ministry possible for our people. Your gifts helped to save many souls for the Kingdom. May God reward you manifold.

We regret that we cannot share pictures that would disclose our ministers in the area of ATO, but please know our brothers and sisters are very grateful for your love, prayers, and support.

Vitaliy Voznyuk, National Overseer

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