

Update, help for Ukrainians, as for today. The following projects were implemented or are in progress:

As for October 13th, 2022

The horror on the front lines is accelerating, as for today.

- As we talk with people returning directly from the war zone, the situation of local people is drastic. Many villages and towns are taken back by the Ukrainian army, but they are in terrible state, some, like Izmin, are damaged in 70 %, some even more. People on the re-gained territories are totally lost, after 5 months without Internet only listening to Russian propaganda and totally brainwashed, simple people do not know what and whom to believe. Russians are damaging water supplies, no electricity, no gas, slow supply of food...
- As Pastor Peter from Slovensk told me today, their church has fully evacuated people and equipment to the Western Ukraine; as he went back presently - some 350 totally new people are gathering in the building regularly(!) They are all new converts!
- Pastor from Charkov, also Peter, told how they had to stop services due to regular bombing; they hired a small room nearby entrance to Underground train station and were storing there 140 chairs used outdoors for services, 7 in a day; when sirens went on - people were relocating to the underground shelter
- The converts are now - people from a direct war zone (!) The further from front line, the more "indifferent" people are
- Lots of Ukrainians in Poland are relocating; number to the States, many to other, richer European states. Still, they are visible a lot in all our towns;
- Yesterday our shipment arrived in Ukraine with different useful goods incl. 52.000 bags pointing at our Internet digital discipleship portal
- A conference is to be held on Monday in Germany where Ukrainian church leaders are to plan ministry work in a new situation. Our friend and co-worker Vitalij is going there to promote our digital offering.

As for September 15th, 2022

War seems to move to a different phase, with hopes that Ukraine will win it!

- I was recently, last week, in Lviv, a major city in the Western part of Ukraine. We were together with two American and one British friends. We met with 4 people, Christian leaders who gave us new insight to the situation:
 - Life in the West of Ukraine is relatively peaceful, occasionally rockets are falling in random places, but there are many more alarms than rockets.
 - Some of the monuments and main buildings are protected with sand sacks and sheets of metal in windows of churches
 - Shops are open, with food available without restrictions
 - Restaurants and hotels in Lviv are working regular hours
 - The closer you move towards the front line (700+ km!) the more problems occur. Soldiers in trenches get lots of supplies from individual people, lots of it

- comes from International humanitarian aid. It is not just food, but also blankets, helmets, nightvisions and drones (!)
- There is a very positive attitude towards the West and Poland - we got number of very kind remarks, even on the streets
- Spiritually, in a big city there are many affluent young people, mainly IT specialists who make good money and ...turn away from God. The biggest attraction is international travel (restricted for many years while in Soviet Union or due to poverty), some travel every weekend abroad...
- In the East, war zones - people are dying daily, often civilians. Territories left by Russians leave behind bodies, some children were kidnapped to Russia, etc. People there are very much looking to God for salvation. There is lots of christian literature available now.
- Our digital outreach with biblical material is doing really well! Thank you, Lord! Our Ukrainian team is promoting it in a big way and daily, presently, some 45 new people sign into discipleship courses available on mobile phones
- Our Ukrainian friends plan a trip around Poland to various Ukrainian churches and big cities where are more Ukrainians to build bridges and invite people to Christ
- We were able to allocate all our direct contacts in permanent lodging, not far from our office. In some cases, it required remodeling of flats.
- Next Outback weekend open to Ukrainians is planned mid October

As for August 12th, 2022

Even as Summer is slow, we see some good progress

- The next transport of 5.000 Bibles was distributed
- Children toys, for Ukrainian children with trauma - were received from a dear friend from States and are now in distribution
- New version of daily reading notes - one side in Polish, second - in Ukrainian - are printed as many Ukrainians in Poland are learning Polish language
- We have received next substantial gift for the "stage" project, as described before
- The digital platform of discipleship courses, run by 5 Ukrainian believers whom we employed - is bringing wonderful results! On a record day - we had 118 new people signing to the discipleship courses (on 4 platforms). Daili, up to 3.500 people are learning how to follow Jesus
- We are using all our networks to find permanent lodging for Ukrainian refugees who want to settle in Poland. It is not an easy task and often we must cover costs of modifications/utilities.
- With some dear friends, I plan to go to Ukraine and meet some believers there and see local needs, but most of all - stimulate prayer effort
- On our annual ministry conference - we expect a substantial number of Ukrainian leaders to participate, to plan a joint strategy for even better outreach

As for July 25th, 2022

Summer is on, many of us are on vacations, but the situation in Ukraine is drastic. The challenge is - we get used to news from the war and it does not bother us so much as in the first days.

- Continuity of connecting with people on Ukrainian discipleship platform. There are many new people signing up for it. Some 1300 right now.
- 3 new courses added recently to the Ukrainian course web page <http://nadiya.in.ua>
- You may use google translation to see the content of it

- All the humanitarian projects are continuing. 2 new Ukrainian families near Wisla got their permanent lodging
- We got another 5.000 Ukrainian bibles for distribution, now transported to different parts of Poland
- Working on getting all needed funding for the “mobile stage project” as described before. Looks positive!
- More soon....

As for July 6th, 2022

Lots of good things are happening!

- We finished our Ukrainian Outback. It was small, but many people had to travel long distances without cars... The good news was - EVERYBODY was giving a testimony of what they have experienced at the weekend. A huge trauma that now they want to cope with the Lord! There was such an enthusiasm, that we plan another-one in October 7-9, 2022
- Another good humanitarian help channel has opened, taking medical supplies and food directly to the front lines. Our Outback people from the East of Poland have organized it, already 7 transports.
- We have received a confirmation of 5000 Ukrainian bibles received from a dear friend in the US, now to be distributed to Ukrainians living in Poland
- A major effort was put into preparing a shipment of a mobile stage, to be used for evangelism in the East part of Ukraine. It will take several months
- Our Ukrainian team is bringing new courses to the Ukrainian platform, currently - a one every week (!)
- Vitalij is visiting many Ukrainian churches in Poland, building bridges, learning needs, etc. We still look for a permanent lodging for him and his family
- Sergiej and Julia - with their 4 children - were just placed in a permanent flat that we helped to renovate. They conduct a number of projects in the community and in social media.
- A Ukrainian conference web page was created - our annual conference is to have 3 languages (Polish, Ukrainian and English)
- Another 10.000 plastic bags for packaging humanitarian aid were printed and will go directly to Ukraine. Bags have a direct link to the evangelistic course platform.
- By God's grace and with your donations - we continue to help as many as we can, mixing humanitarian aid with spiritual care

As for June 20, 2022

We continue a number of previously started activities. We are fulfilling our original plan as described at the bottom of this document. Now, for obvious reasons - we focus on mid term and long term help.

- We are receiving from our Polish printing houses some more literature in Ukrainian, distributed in Poland and Ukraine.
- We are distributing Ukrainian New Testaments as printed for us in Netherlands

- Just last weekend - our staff member who also leads a church in nearby Skoczow - has prepared a picnic for Ukrainians and over 200 have arrived! Many of them have declared they will visit the church in the next weeks
- Special programs, learning Polish language are run in our church, financed by your donations
- The program of developing long term lodging for Ukrainian families is in a full swing. Most of the newly reconditioned flats are already occupied. Polish statistics confirm, that 60% of Ukrainians stay at homes/flats
- Our Ukrainian digital platform towards becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ is reaching more and more people every day. 30 new candidates for e-coaches are in training. We employed 3 Ukrainian believers to take care of it.
- We work on a major "mobile stage" project - collecting funding to allow a massive evangelistic work in Ukraine done by their passionate teams in many villages and small towns.
- We organize and support an Ukrainian Outback weekend to accommodate 20 couples or parent-teenagers. It is planned July 1 - 3, 2022. Please, pray for its blessing!
- Local facebook Ukrainian group is moderated by our Ukrainian staff with thousands of people attending; besides practical information, a spiritual seeds are distributed

As for June 1, 2022

Lots of things going all the time:

- Distribution of Ukrainian New Testaments
- Distribution of Ukrainian daily reading notes, "The Word for Today"
- Increasing traffic on our Ukrainian digital discipleship portal, with 20 new people daily signing in to the platform, 5 new coaches in training;
- Humanitarian help - 4 vans with food went out, some 700 kg each;
- Van for Sumy church delivered;
- As the main need of Ukrainians in Poland is 1. Place to stay, long term and 2. Job, we conduct a project of helping Polish families to extend their flats/renovating homes to receive long term families; adding bathrooms, etc. 15 such projects are in the works, 6 already finished. We just give a subsidy, not a full cost
- Financing Ukrainian Outback - a parent/teenage child and married couples long weekend
- We met recently Peter, a senior pastor from Sloviansk, in the East part of Ukraine, a mother church of Vasilij, a pastor from Suma who is working with us organizing many of our projects for Ukraine. They observe a wonderful spiritual harvest with literally hundreds of people giving their lives to Jesus. They have started, since the beginning of the war in 2014, 28 new churches, part of them on territories that are now occupied by Russians. They are very well organized and have a huge passion to bring many more to Christ. They are dreaming about obtaining a mobile stage (on wheels), with a good PA system, lights, LED screen, power generator and a big van to pull it all. It is a \$150.000 value project. As millions of dollars are going to help Ukraine, most of it is consumed immediately - food, medicine, etc. A project like that could serve at least 20 years to equip people who are passionate and have a long track record of bringing the gospel to their natives. We have prayerfully decided to participate in it. If some of you would be open to help towards it, please, write back to me.

As for May 11, 2022

- We heard about the tragic situation of gypsies leaving Ukraine for Slovakia. For many historical reasons, there is a strong tension between Slovak gypsies and the government. Ukrainian gypsies, after passing the border, are not getting any humanitarian help. There are some Christian churches run by gypsies in Slovakia and they are taking initiative, even as they are very poor - to help newcomers. We sent two food shipments there, at least 600 kg each
- We also have sent 3 shipments to churches near the war zone.
- We heard some moving stories about soldiers in the front lines being severely wounded and not having enough medications/bandages. A new channel was open to send such highly demanded goods
- Ukraine was the food harvesting country for Europe and Africa, now, due to blockage of sea cargo - it is suspended, causing major problems.
- Today there is a conference arranged by Evangelicals in Warszawa about how to help the most with the Ukrainian crisis. 4 of our people were sent there, with lots of our printed material

As for May 5, 2022

I was very busy the last few days traveling, this is why there was some delay. It has been over 2 months of the war, so people here in Poland are starting to get used to it. Over 3 million Ukrainians came to Poland, but many have already returned to their homeland, some went to other Western countries. There are presently around 2 million residing in Poland. It is estimated that half of them would like to move permanently to Poland, as their houses are destroyed and they have huge trauma. So far, a fast majority live with Polish families, who often provide food and lodging for free. There are mainly mothers with multiple children and there are not enough kindergarteners to accommodate children. It is easier with schools - all kids could join Polish schools, some with special Ukrainian classes. Churches are helping in a big way, like in the one where we go - many homes have opened and friendships started. If only possible - they want to work. So the biggest need is work and long-term lodging.

- We in our ministry provide a job to 6 people who help to organize Ukrainian aid,
- We help with accommodation and finding long term solutions
- A program of finishing/remodeling flats for Ukrainian families is now continued
- We are filming next courses and spiritual programs bringing encouragement
- An Ukrainian platform in the Internet is constantly updated
- We train candidates, volunteers, for serving as e-coaches (spiritual counselors)
- Humanitarian help - mostly food - is organized for Ukraine, distributed mainly via churches but reaching all in need
- Some humanitarian transports going straight to the war zone
- All other long-term programs as described below are continued
- Finally, a second hand minibus was fully prepared for driving it to Ukraine
- Some food purchased in Ukraine warehouses, located in the Western part where no active war is happening, if only available
- Responding to individual needs of medicine and food in Ukraine
- Organizing "Ukrainian Outback" - a mother/teenage son or daughter weekend;
- Planning an evangelistic conference to stimulate outreach among both Poles and Ukrainians
- Planning some special "fellowship opportunities" in churches, also excursions
- A new option for helping is - some furniture and kitchen equipment, as some people try to repair their damaged flats. We started to examine that

As for April 22, 2022

The war is in a very difficult moment. Russians are removing Ukrainians from their occupied territories to Siberia, like 100 years ago... Sometimes children are separated from their parents, many orphans... But in Western Ukraine it is more peaceful (except occasional rockets on military installations in Lviv...), So far over 2,8 million refugees came to Poland, 700.000 went back to their relatives. Over 10 million were displaced because of war... You watch the films from there, I am sure... On our side:

- Several "small" shipments of food (up to 1 ton) are in preparation;
- A huge 24 ton humanitarian food truck, the second-one should go next week - now preparing goods. It is sufficient for some 10.000 people and goes to the very East, often to the war zone where people are desperate...
- We found a nice, second-hand minibus for 9 people, Renault Traffic, as requested by one church in Sumy with whom we work together. It will be used to bring food to small villages. Now in a service, to make sure it will be of a great use...
- New print of bags, with address of evangelistic Ukrainian discipleship platform (10.000) in which goods are distributed;
- Helping with creating a new flat for Ukrainians in our old church building;
- Planning and looking for a venue for Ukrainian Outback weekends, as there are so many mothers with teenage children...
- Polish language lessons are bringing lots of people to our church. We pay for the teacher (from your money)
- New videos filmed, for next courses...
- Very well received - "Passover dinner" and Easter programs - church fellowship, concerts - that have gathered a number of "new" Ukrainians.
- Small groups in Ukrainian starting.
- Training for e-coaches in Ukrainian language prepared on-line
- During Easter Sunday - we had a wonderful fellowship with a Ukrainian family of 7 in our home

As for April 13, 2022

Very busy week, with lots of activities happening just in the last days, beside continuing most activities started previously:

- Our big truck has arrived safely with over 20 tons of food - good for some 10.000 people (!). It went to Suma, a town 950 km (600 miles) East from the Polish border, a place surrendered by the Russian army up till April 8th, horrible reports of what was found there now !!!; Watch your news...
- 3 smaller shipments arrived safely in villages of Western Ukraine;
- Second print of 50.000 "Prayer Books" addressed at Orthodox people in distribution right now;
- New production of stickers with address of evangelistic pages received;
- New courses on "How to live now?" on our Ukrainian platform
- The first training course for Ukrainian believers who want to counsel people over the net
- Working on a course "How to stay faithful when separated for months? - as it becomes a growing problem!
- Assistance with building a longer term portable, wooden housing for moms with very young children in Wroclaw
- A second-hand 9 passenger minibus for a church in Suma - to be used for people transportation and food distribution there - in the process of purchasing in Germany

- “Passover dinner” - with number of Ukrainians invited; many experienced it for the first time;
- Evangelistic events in our church, targeted at Ukrainians: “Pearly Gates, Hell’s fire” - room overflowing, many decisions for Christ;
- Purchasing wireless translation kits to be used in churches
- Continuation with the Polish language lessons, 3 classes, 3 times a week
- Starting promotional campaign of a portal: <http://nadiya.in.ua/hope>

As for April 6, 2022

It has been over a month since the beginning of war. Our Short-term helping projects, planned for the first 30 days are over. Now it is mid-term, up to 6 months and long term, over 6 months.

A recent poll done among Poles showed that 80% of people involved in helping Ukrainians by giving accomodation and lodging - want to do it “as long as needed”.

Current projects:

- Continuing with food shipments for Ukraine. There is a massive need, particularly close to the war zone. War expansion expected in the next few days, as Russians are refocusing attacks in the East. On Thursday a 24 ton truck is prepared for a trip, 3 smaller shipments this week.
- 50.000 “Prayer Books” already distributed in Poland, next 50.000 expected this week,
- Plastic shopping bags with a link to a ukrainian Christian platform printed first 5.000
- New version of stickers, 20.000 - in production
- Spiritual help platform - all the time updated, new films added (produced by our staff)
- New cooperation with International Christian radio groups - on translating their short materials into Ukrainian and recording it, for use on our radio but also on web platforms. Our “spiritual platform” - to be used nationwide and in other countries where refugees are. <http://nadiya.in.ua/hope> This address added to many publications currently in print, as there is a follow-up organized
- Polish language lessons in full swing
- Helping with finding jobs for people leaving in the area
- The first flat that was reconditioned/repainted, etc - in the hands of a Ukrainian family. Two more in works (that we are supporting, as long as owners will rent it for at least 2 years for free to Ukrainian families)
- Continuing with all the former projects.
- Special events in churches planned for Ukrainians, to show welcome and kindness. Many have accepted Christ.
- Helping some Polish hosting families to pay for utilities (there is snow again in our region)
- Employing qualifying believers to help with translation of various materials
- Assisting with buying (partial) tickets for Ukrainians relocating to the US
- Coordinating various projects and ideas, meeting immediate needs
- Link to budgeted spendings:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13IV8ArlQx6H1qoonUJr5s8Wkhbre5yvr9DLXoMiaH8/edit?usp=sharing>

As for March 28, 2022

On top of the former activities listed before, the following projects have been implemented or are in progress:

- First 1.000 New Testaments received and distributed
- New Ukrainian platform with spiritual help targeted at refugees initiated, New courses written, <http://nadiya.in.ua/hope>
- Stickers and bags with a link to this web page in production
- Financial help to our partners of digital discipleship in Lviv;
- Assistance to a church who is rebuilding its space to allow 3 flats for Ukrainian families;
- 3 “small” transports (below 1 ton) to Ukraine with food, medicines, sleeping bags, mats, that go directly to places in need;
- Organizing in our church in Wisla Malinka - lessons of Polish language, already two classes meeting 3 times a week, we cover cost of teachers
- a local facebook group for Ukrainians in Wisla with all the practical information
- Stimulating starting new Ukrainian small bible study groups
- There are many professions of salvation! They are moved by the warm welcome by Christians and open to the gospel! Literally, tens of people are open to start a personal relationship with the Lord!
- Better and better coordination of the help, so that new people have a choice of housing, etc.
- Setting a permanent translation system in a church
- Upgrading a second stream of translated Ukrainian service of our church
- Coordinating various initiatives of helping Ukrainians both locally and - knowing what others are doing nationwide
- Planning distribution of evangelistic materials already in print

Update: Near term action plan in response to the war in Ukraine

As for March 19, 2022

Humanitarian:

Microscale:

- As there are some 2.000 Ukrainian newcomers living in Wisla (our small town of 11.000 people) in private homes and pensions - helping them to pay for groceries, (as State help needs more time to be organized) showing interest, assimilating, advising on practical level, inviting to churches, homes.
- Running Facebook community of Ukrainians in Wisla
- Developing and distributing a one page information sheet answering their obvious questions, emergency phones in Ukrainian language, etc, listing also addresses of churches of various denominations
- Reacting to urgent needs - paying for Internet access,
- Helping one Ukrainian brother (co-leader of Outreach Ukraine) to purchase a second hand van to ease the transportation
- Sharing our resources with trustworthy, long term friends in the area of 50 km who do this same on their territory, via churches;

Bigger scale:

- Appointing Ukrainian believers as coordinators of the help going to Ukraine (paying them for their very sacrificial involvement, so that their families could survive in Poland).
- Preparing shipments of food and hygienic items directly to Ukraine.
- Vans with food, up to 1000 kg each (some 2100 pounds) driven by Ukrainian or Polish volunteers for distribution by churches in Western Ukraine where now millions of refugees are staying. Some of that to go to the front lines as well.
- Major truck shipments, 24 tons each of food and most needed supplies
- Co-financing medicines that can go only through licensed humanitarian institutions that we know;
- Trying to assist with finding jobs; they do not want to stay on social help. Still, for moms with small children it is hard to work full time...
- Helping to rebuild 3 new, long term use flats in Skoczow and Cieszyn
- Our Radio network: News in Ukrainian several times a day
- Offering people jobs in our ministry:
 - Two humanitarian help coordinators (one in Wisla, second in Lublin, closer to the border)
 - Graphic designer
 - Content creators for a new digital platform
 - Pastor who will lead a new Ukrainian church in Ustron.
- Number of our staff are also involved in planning and conducting those initiatives
- We plan to publicize, at this address - reports on how received funds are used, what are the outcomes and impact. It will be updated regularly
- Growing cooperation (transferring funds) to trustworthy, strategic Christian operations placed next to the border
- All interested in receiving in mail our UPDATE DEOrecordings ministry newsletter are invited to send their request to me, Henryk Krol, at hkrol@ccm.pl

Spiritual:

- Printing and distributing New Testaments in contemporary Ukrainian
- Printing daily reading notes, "The Word for Today" , also as e-book
- Develop mobile application with this material
- Printing 100.000 of small "Prayer booklets" addresses at Orthodox people, with links to a discipleship platform
- Planning "Ukrainian Outbacks" in Poland, fully sponsored. So many people with great trauma!
- Starting a new digital platform addressed to all refugees with direct biblical message, using our technology. Training its Ukrainian leaders,
- Developing courses tailored to the present situation. to be used by refugees also in other Countries
- Radio programs in Ukrainian with testimonials
- Helping with starting new Ukrainian churches, pastor with 11 children (7 foster children)
- Providing in our church - regular simultaneous translation of services
- Opening second channel of Internet streaming of services, in Ukrainian

Update: DEO recordings approach to the Ukrainian crisis

Update date: 16 of March, 2022

We are deeply moved by observing the continuous involvement of thousands of volunteers helping with practical help to some 2 millions of new arrivals of Ukrainian refugees to Poland since February 22nd, mainly moms with children. Most of them are received in private homes.

In this war time, we had to refocus our priorities using this new opportunity, always remembering our Vision Statement that is "...to make disciples of Jesus Christ..." We want to offer, in the Name of Christ - more than humanitarian help (that is also extremely needed)

Everything is built on trust. By being years in the ministry - we know people who for years have been faithfully. wholeheartedly involved without looking for personal gain; they are our natural contacts to make a scalable difference, both in Poland and in Ukraine.

New arrivals to Poland feel quite lost; they do not speak Polish (even when there are similarities of languages, it is still a foreign language), they do not know what to do with their lives, escape was totally unplanned as they avoid bombs; often they have their husbands on the Ukrainian side, not knowing if they are still alive, etc. They also have a lot of free time, when they just worry and see no hope...

Literally all churches we know are involved in helping, one way or another. In our Malinka church we have run translation of services into Ukrainian; some churches invited Ukrainian pastors to have Ukrainian services after their regular Polish. Our ministry volunteers (e-coaches and Outback helpers) host in their homes or pensions over 150 people.

We are printing New Testaments and *The Word for Today* devotionals into Ukrainian. Now we want to launch a parallel Courses portal, as our partners who do it daily are somewhere in transit. We plan to have several Ukrainian Outbacks in Poland, as there are so many moms with teenage kids...

One of the big needs for Ukrainians arriving in small towns like our Wisla - is practical information: how to move around, where to register, whom to contact for help, how to sign children to schools, how to obtain some monetary help promised by Polish State ((\$115 a month for a child, additional lodging/food subsidy - \$9 a day per person). This is of course not enough for more than survival. Finding jobs for newcomers is a much needed help - we have decided to employ 5 new persons, who will coordinate helping effort, do localized social media platforms, and help our ministry in our daily work as art designers, marketers etc..

But finding trustworthy channels of transporting food, medicine and some basic hygienic goods to the war zone is also one of the priorities. Polish and Ukrainian drivers are bringing goods to trustworthy warehouses administered by churches in West Ukraine, like Lviv or Luck, and from there on - Ukrainian drivers are bringing goods to the war zone, to towns surrounded by troops, using forest trails. Still, one man with whom I talked today - found himself in a fierce fire and his companion, pastor, sitting next to him - was killed.

What do we do with the donations we receive to our account for the Ukrainian crisis?
We want to be totally transparent and flexible at the same time. Evaluate every opportunity and listen to our trustworthy contacts.

- To start with. several shipments with medical help and food were sent.
- We want to subsidize buying a stove and appliances for the spontaneous rebuilding of one church' building by adding three flats for Ukrainian families (\$5.000)
- Helping one Ukrainian brother already present in Poland - in obtaining a second hand van for 9 persons (he is all the time on the road transporting people, \$2.500)
- Helping a Ukrainian pastor to launch a church in nearby Ustron by paying him a salary of \$1.000 a month (he has 11 children and a wife, most children adopted)

How much could be wisely allocated?

As stated before, we could easily imagine using up to 500.000 EUR (\$550.000) in a "controllable" way, but - really - sky's the limit! The needs are enormous, as you can imagine watching the news...

How to transfer the money?

We have in the USA our own 501c3 group of Friends, it is called New Europe Communications. NEC has been our fiscal sponsor for many years now. It is transferring 100% of received funding to our Polish bank account. They will supply needed paperwork, I believe.

Its bank is:

Integrity Bank and Trust

ABA/Routing number: 107006994

Account no: 1141627

Bank address: 13475 Voyager Pkwy, Colorado Springs, CO 80921

add, please, a note: For Ukraine help

Henryk

DEO recordings approach to the Ukrainian crisis

Update date: 07.03.2022

Two kinds of help:

A. To Ukrainian refugees in Poland

B. To Ukrainians who stay in Ukraine

Assumptions:

1. We want to help all in need that we realistically can reach – in the Name of Christ, and for Him, not expecting human thankfulness.
2. We do not want to substitute national and regional social/humanitarian help that in Poland compensation for the cost of having people at home – 40 zloty per day (\$10).
3. Our reach is to be well connected with other positive strategic initiatives on a national level, operated by other organizations, having a goal of **evangelizing and making disciples** and inviting, where only possible, to fellowships, home groups and churches.
4. DEOrecordings does not possess major lodging capacities, but have credibility and a network of trustworthy people who want to help. Our model is – to decentralize (but coordinate) major strategic initiatives.
5. The main danger - that received means will not be used as designated. This is why credibility of partners is of a premium value.

Category A.

Step 1 – immediate, spontaneous hospitality. Realistically, 1 week to 1 month

We're joining the efforts offered by literally hundreds of thousands of Poles, practically also all the churches and organizations I know..

- Transporting from the border to places of destination, feeding on the way,
- Receiving in homes. Believers we know do this not expecting any financial compensation.
- Collecting goods as requested by new arrivals, at their sizes, etc.
- Taking to stores so that they could select what they need and paying for it;
- Organizing needed medicines
- Warm welcome of new Ukrainian people in churches, like in our Malinka – concert of Cześć group to a full room, with translation into Ukrainian
- Radio CCM produces news in Ukrainian – very well received (!)

Step 2 - 1 month to 6 months

- Learning Ukrainian's expectations, if they want to stay in Poland or return back to Ukraine, or go to other countries
- Printing Ukrainian New Testaments (in the process)
- Radio CCM – adding on Sunday a service stream in Ukrainian
- Printing daily devotions in Ukrainian – Bob Gass “The Word for today” (in the process)
- Employing some of the gifted newcomers in DEOrecordings and its limited companies to give them income and hope. Many great people. Right now considering 4 people after first talks
- Having a new coordinator for the Ukrainian ministry project – our trusted lady e-coach from Lublin
- Assisting Ukrainian and international Christian organizations to relocate to Poland
- Helping Ukrainians with flat rentals with a special price (price of mortgage and energy costs that the owners need to pay for it)
- Helping with our existing infrastructure
- Making Ukrainian “Outback” in Poland (and many more, like vacations for families)

Step 3 – Long term help - over 6 months

- Helping with finding homes,
- Helping with finding good jobs
- Starting a new ministry - to help reach many Ukrainians with the Gospel, in cooperation with partners from Ukraine and people residing in Poland

Category B.

- Hiring mini buses/trucks with drivers able to travel to Ukraine bringing aid and medicines to churches for distribution
- Collecting quality goods and medical supply to be transported to our contacts
- International cooperation on that

I believe we can wisely invest in a meaningful way up to 500.000 EUR. The amount of budgeted money will determine the scale of help.

This list will be updated regularly, as the situation develops.

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