

I don't want to fill your inbox with emails from us, but we've received some requests for an update, so here it is :)

Early this week we had the opportunity to assist a friend in taking a van full of food, water, and humanitarian aid across the border to the Ukrainian women and children waiting in lines to enter Poland.

It has now been more than a month since the war started and because of the generosity of our supporters, we've had the opportunity to meet many needs here in Eastern Poland. We purchased a refrigerator for one church that is housing refugees and a washing machine for another church. Because of your generosity, we have been able to purchase coats, shoes, and school supplies for Ukrainian children who have started attending Polish schools; purchased toys for small children, and art supplies for teenagers. With your help, we've paid for hotel rooms, purchased meals, and paid for Covid tests. We have transported refugee families hundreds of miles to help them reach their destinations. Although it is extremely difficult to find evangelistic materials in the Ukrainian language, we were able to find 400 children's Bibles, purchase them, and get them distributed. I have traveled to various churches trying to be an encouragement and support to the pastors and I've had the opportunity to preach through a translator to rooms filled with refugees. Because of the language barrier, I am unable to share the gospel clearly one on one with the refugees, which is extremely frustrating for me. But, we have tried to communicate love to them as best as we can.

There are many projects that I'm excited about, but this one especially: there is a Christian counseling organization in the USA which has a series of mini-books dealing with topics such as depression, anxiety, fear, PTSD, and suffering. Each of these books points the reader to the only True Answer to life's problems - Jesus Christ. We have just been granted permission to translate these materials into both Ukrainian and Polish! Please pray with us as we begin working on this project soon, that these mini books be used by God to draw many sinners to Himself.

Finally, I would ask that you pray for me personally. I'm overwhelmed. I'm getting enough sleep, we have financial support, people have been kind and generous to us, so I don't know why I am in a sort of dark valley, but I am. I'm confident that God will supply all the grace that we need, but please do pray.

Ben (for Sarah, Mikaela, Maia and Aleyna)