

Warsaw, December 20th, 2022.

Dear **supporter & friend**,

Hanna and I wanted to write this letter for a long time. So many friends in the Lord helped us to go through a stressful time in order to help Ukraine and the Ukrainian refugees. **We thank you that you have been among those friends.**

The last 9 months – as of today **300 days** of war in Ukraine – have been an overwhelming period of events that we have never met in our lives. Nobody saw such a tragedy before in their lifetime; nobody was ready for that crisis. The criminal and bestial invasion of Russia in Ukraine has created a huge military conflict and a tragic humanitarian crisis. ***Thank you so much* for that fact that you have NOT been indifferent to what is one of the greatest crises since the Second World War in Europe.**

We have been also overwhelmed by the miraculous movement of generosity from our Baptist churches, from believers and even other organizations. Amazing interest and financial support came in to support the work of our Mission through **Fellowship International** and the **FAIR Refugees crisis response fund**. Working along the Evangelical churches and pastors in

Poland and in Ukraine (as on picture here), we have been involved in Eastern & Central Poland and in Ukraine to serve with them from Day 1 of the invasion in Ukraine. We wanted to respond in a Christ-honoring way to the needs of the Refugees coming by the hundreds of thousands to our Polish borders and churches. As of today, the custom officials announced that 8,3 million Ukrainians have come to Poland since February 24th.



Poland has received more

Refugees than all the other countries combined. You can imagine how this has been a crisis, physically, emotionally, and financially. Probably 2 to 3 million refugees are still in Poland.

But that work and humanitarian response done in the Name of our Lord Jesus was made possible **only because thousands of donors in Canada responded with the same compassionate heart by supporting generously our response to the war crisis. Thank you for being among them, and you helped us personally to respond to the needs! We PRAISE the Lord for your generous help.**

We are very, very thankful. Because of you we could respond as Jesus told us to do to the needs and humanitarian crisis with practical help like food, vehicles, warm clothes, equipment for cooking and sleeping, transportation, accommodation, phones, etc. The list is quite long!



We were not indifferent. We could help many, many – like ***Slavek's family of 15 children*** ! (here on picture, being helped and fed at Camp ARKA close to Warsaw).



I can tell you that what we have seen – the human distress and fears - still moves us to this day. Even policemen and fire fighters who were at each of the eight Ukraine-Polish borders could not contain their tears as they witnessed the tragedies of millions of mothers and children crossing into Poland. **The church of the Lord Jesus Christ**

responded to that tragedy with outstanding compassion and generosity. [THANK YOU for having helped us to do so!](#)

You certainly know that the tragedy of the war is still very real, as Ukraine enters a cold winter and witnesses a massive destruction of energy, medical, transportation and even civilian infrastructures across the country with daily shelling from Russia and Belarus. Hard to believe but true. As I write, 40% of the country – more than 10 million people – and 70% of the capital Kyiv is without power, water and communication. We continue to provide a lot of help in Ukraine, especially power generators, gas stoves, winter clothes, medication, essential food, bullet-proof vests, etc. **Any further donation to the FAIR Ukraine crisis response fund will help us out to continue to pass on precious help to thousands – we do not want anyone to die.** Attached to this e-mail, you can watch this short video made by a wonderful Ukrainian brother who serves the needs of older people and widows in devastated areas.

We thank you again for your love for the lost and the cause of the Ukrainian people. Your donation to **FAIR Refugees** is the proof of it. As someone told me today, we cannot afford to see Ukraine lose this war. The invasion and the war crimes committed against humans in Ukraine have reached the hearts of many nations and certainly the heart of our God in “heavens”. We need to help Ukrainian people and their soldiers to stand for truth and liberty – with the proclamation of the Gospel of real freedom – in Jesus’ Name.

If you have any questions in relation to what has been done from our ministry side in Poland and in Ukraine, or to what does the Fellowship does as a whole, please feel free to contact Luc Tetreault at the Mission Office in Guelph or write back to us.

May the Lord give Victory to His glorious Name! And to Ukraine !



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Here is a family from the city of Kyiv. I remember meeting them at the **church in Hrubieszów** back in April. They were in complete shock after seeing bombs fall near their apartment in the city in the first week of the invasion of Kyiv at the end of February.

They came to the church to find a bed and food since the church had become a Refugee center. We took them to take refuge at **Camp ARKA**. Where they could rest and calm down. From there, we were able to buy bus tickets for them to go find a home with friends who lived in France. They are now there.

They wrote to thank us for our help – in French! God preserved their lives; God helped them through our hands. And through your donations. They can never forget that.

To God be the glory!



Pastor's wife Magda (left) has been such a comfort for **Olesia** (right), a mother of one boy who left her home city of **Chernihiv**, now destroyed because it was bombarded massively. She was heartbroken, while her husband was there fighting for Ukraine and their families. **The church in Hrubieszów and in Łódź have been priceless support for her and her son to survive this tragedy.**

Praise the Lord that today they are reunited as a family in Chernihiv, but they live in very difficult conditions in the north of Ukraine, where there is no power and heat. The war and its consequences are far from being over ...

List of items for prayer and for additional support that can help Ukraine

An update for prayer for UA:

I had last week a meeting with Maksim and his family at the apartment we have for refugees in Warsaw. He just came back from the region of Chernobyl where he and his Ukrainian team serve widows, the elderly, the lonely and the handicapped people that would never survive the cold winter without any help. The north region between Kiev and Russia was heavily bombarded from Day 1 of the invasion. Everything is destroyed, forests are mined, hopelessness is heavy in those many villages.

We had from them some updates on what's happening in Ukraine. Times are very hard.

Outside the war itself and its destructive, painful and deadly consequences, the main problem of people he meets all over the place is that they lost their sleep. The blackouts, the sirens, the cold, the worries, the hunger, no work, disrupted communication.... all these make people to be in such an unrest that they cannot sleep more than a few hours and have lost track of normal day and night times.

This causes states of depression among people, and unfortunately among children. His heart is broken, the distress is so deep, but Maksim serves with joy those God puts on his path. He brings firewood, food, gas stoves, blankets, anything we can provide from Poland to help the weak and needy in danger. Times are dark physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

May Jesus shines brightly in this darkness. **Isaiah 9.1-6, 60.1-3**. Jesus has shone in Bethlehem, He will shine again in the Father's time in Ukraine !

HOW you can help – if you can (*many of you have ALREADY helped, so do not take this note as a burden*):

It is still possible to help people in Ukraine. The crisis in Ukraine is hard to describe. It is a Second World War scenario. At this point, we cannot stop to help for them to survive the winter and be ready for the coming attacks. Anything that can give them warmth, food and communication is needed:

- winter boots (a big need, for children too), winter clothes, sleeping bags, blankets,
- camping gas stoves (that can work both with small disposable bottles or from a big rechargeable gas bottle), gas lighters, heaters, generators (from 3 kW to 8 kW), power banks for phones, transformers 12V-230V (that can be connected to car batteries), candles
- food that can be easily prepared with hot water (like soups, oatmeal)
- essential food like oil, flour, rice, sugar, noodles, canned meat, dry sausages, etc.
- chocolate and candies (a good energy booster for soldiers), some toys for children (it is Christmas)
- cookies, coffee and tea, UHT milk, and on.

It would be awesome if some churches would offer a gift like that for Christmas. It is time to think about Ukraine for her to not die.... Many have driven from as far as UK, Norway, Germany to bring help to Ukraine. We can do it for you from Poland! We can buy anything needed here in Poland and ship it safely and quickly, if we receive funds and your instructions, your heart's desire for Ukraine.

Would you like to continue to help Ukraine? <https://www.fellowship.ca/ukrainerefugeecrisis>