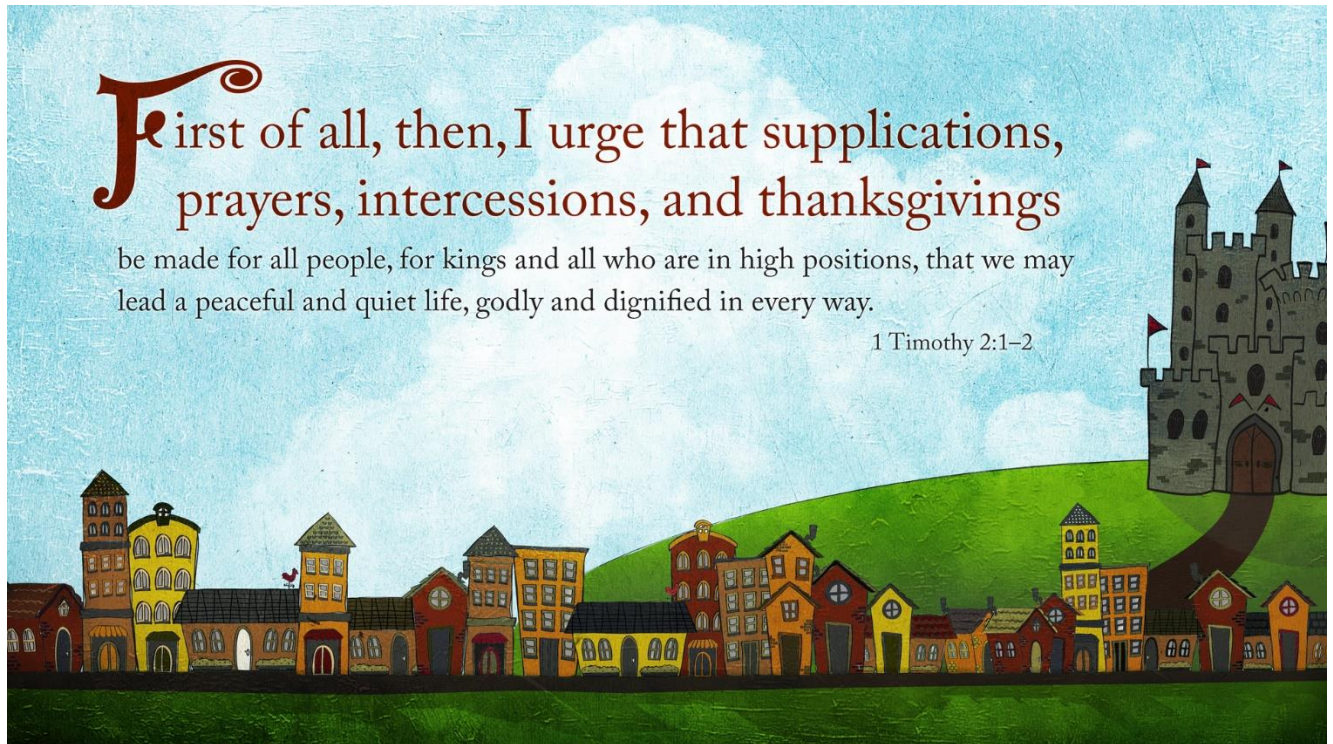




Ukraine Missions Relief Effort Update 25 March 2022



Thank you fellow citizens of Macedonian generosity

¹And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace God gave the churches in Macedonia. ²They have been tested by great troubles, and they are very poor. But they gave much because of their great joy. ³I can tell you that they gave as much as they were able and even more than they could afford. No one told them to do it. ⁴But they begged and pleaded with us to let them share in this service for God's people. ⁵And they gave in a way we did not expect: They first gave themselves to the Lord and to us. This is what God wants.

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (NCV)

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Family Buckets... On the Way

On Wednesday 16 March, the first cargo relief container of “Family Buckets,” 372 buckets from East Tennessee, left Columbia TN to a port in Savannah, GA headed to the town of Zalischyky, Poland. The city is located about 180 miles from the Ukrainian Polish Border. This town of about 9000 has received about 4000 refugees. However, the town is only able to provide relief for about 1000 people. So, help was requested, and this is where the first container is going.



Students from Kingston High School, Roane County

Typical of the situation in Poland is this one as reported in an e-mail:

“...In our apartment alone it is about a 700 ft.² apartment which is two bedrooms one bathroom we are currently hosting 10 people. And another apartment we are currently hosting 17 people 11 of them being children.”

The generosity of the Polish people is heartwarming.

“...My family has two warehouses in that town that [Zalischyky] were once

manufacturing windows and doors and we have decided since the war started again to turn those into shelters for those who have no family who have nowhere to go and I simply have nowhere to stay... Some of the rooms and the warehouses we are turning into small kitchens and showers so that the people can shower and have their personal space and then other rooms will be turned and some of them are already turned into living space where we will put families on or there’s some rooms that are just large enough to just have multiple dad multiple families.”

NOTE: Names have been removed for privacy reasons.



The most needed items, as of today, are personal hygiene, medicines, any bedding like blankets pillows towels, and food. Toys, any box activities for the kids. Small appliances for kitchens; those would be a blessing as well (these would need EU current adaptors to operate). Many of these items, especially large or electrical items, are best purchased locally.

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25 March Shipment

A second round of relief was delivered to the drop-off point in Columbia Tennessee, Graymere Church of Christ, with a tentative cargo ship date of 30 March.

This load consisted of 109 “family Buckets” plus several hundred pounds of boxed baby care items, personal hygiene items, clothing, toys, etc.



The community, congregations and individuals from across the region continue to generously support relief efforts: The Kingston Church of Christ with students from Kingston High School; the Helen Street Church of Christ, Fayetteville, NC; the Stockton Baptist Church, Loudon, TN; the Mountain View Missionary Baptist Church, Sevierville, TN; and many individuals continue to give support. The reach has been tremendous with monetary support received from Congregations as far away as Michigan. There are not sufficient words to express the generosity of everyone who has answered the cry for help.

Above left: You are never too young to help unload relief items from the truck.

On the right: The Mountain View Missionary Baptist Church in Sevierville donated 55 “Family Buckets” loaded them and delivered them to a collection point for distribution to Ukraine.

Following page right: the “crew” from Stockton Baptist Church drop off a shipment of much needed personal care and baby care items.



Your financial support has already reached the people of Ukraine to buy food from local resources. (later in report). Logistically, points of need have been clarified where your financial support will be provided for immediate refugees needs that can best be provided locally.

Pictured below, ready to be immediately air shipped to Ukraine, are freeze-dried food packets from JP Above & Beyond Freeze Dried Goods @ JPabove.com. The food is primarily geared to children with many meals geared for families. Items include deserts such as Banana Pudding.



Below, in response to requests from Poland, we are requesting small backpacks for mom's and children. For example, the contents would consist of toys, coloring books and crayons, pacifiers, personal hygiene & care items, wound care, etc. A complete list of suggested items will soon be posted on the HVCOG.ORG website as well as www.Ukrainemissions.org site.





Pictures from Kharkiv in Eastern Ukraine. Relief is delivered to specific locations in western Ukraine and transported by the military to designated destinations in the eastern war zones.

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On the left, financial support is used to purchase food and life sustaining items are purchased locally (Ukraine) with the items transported to points of need.

Above right, food purchased locally (Poland) to provide a hot meal at one of the many "camps" for refugees. These serve as immediate help for a short period of time before families move to other European countries or