

Newsletter | March 2025

# Enable Families to Support Themselves

### BOOSTING MORALE BY PROVIDING CHICKS

Greetings from the cold winds of Ukraine! We are blessed to share another short update as we unfold plans for continuing our ministry among those affected by a war.

February 24 marks the 3rd year of grinding conflict since the Russian invasion. We hear many reports of how the unending grace of God is at work among our faithful brothers and sisters working to bring relief and hope to many souls. Many thousands are displaced and are struggling to begin a new sustainable life, once more amid the destruction.

The chickens have been laying eggs for 2-3 months. This is a very big support for people in this difficult time of trials.

- Friend in Kherson Oblast

One of IBA'S programs has been to **provide families with poultry chicks for raising** as providing a way for them to support themselves during a time of crisis. With the support of our generous donors, we've been privileged to have distributed almost 94,000 chicks in approximately 30 villages scattered across Ukraine, targeting 3,950 families.

Along with these birds, we distribute feed, medicine, and vitamin packs for the chicks. This is a very exciting time for families as they line up to receive their chirping gifts, so we have a great opportunity to give out Bibles, Bible stories, and other Christian literature.

Many of **these families send heartfelt thanks** to all of you who have helped make this project a success!

Our goal is to increase the number of families that we reach this year. Since we've had to buy all our feed for every distribution, our strategy this year is to use our new feed mill to process our own feed mix. We hope to maximize our funds, thus being able to reach more needy villages.

When the villagers wake up in the morning and see all the surrounding destruction and debris, the chicks are a great morale booster for them. Having these young birds to feed and raise gives them a sense of being able to start over once more, and encourages them, knowing that someone cares about them.

-Pastor in the South







### Needed in Ukraine:

- Volunteers for 1-3 months
- House parents for 1-3 months
- One crew leader for 9 months to a year
- Funds to purchase chicks and supplies (\$2.10/chick) 2025 Goal: 48,000 chicks / 2000 families = \$100,800
- Your ongoing prayers, support, and donations

YOU CAN mail a check, scan the QR code, or go to our website to donate online.

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## Grain Handling Equipment



For every distribution of 3,000 chicks, we are giving a total of 9 tons of starter and grower feed to raise these birds. We foresee a lot of grain handling to process the necessary grain for each distribution. To agilize this operation, we are looking to purchase a small telehandler to handle

grain and for assembling grain dryers every fall.

For this project, we are hoping to fundraise \$50,000. If you feel interested in helping us with this, it would be very appreciated! You can use the link below.







#### **Update:**

The JCB that was purchased last year for the Restore Hope South project has been doing incredibly well, closing old trenches, clearing debris, handling building materials, and much more! It has helped us maximize our impact in the South, saving many hours of hand labor! May God bless you richly for your support!





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