



International Brotherhood Aid

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IBA endeavors to draw people to Christ, and teach good stewardship and sustainable living.



Drought Increases Ukraine Needs

HAY FOR THE HUNGRY

It has been an extremely dry and warm summer in Kherson and Mykolaiv Oblast. With next to no precipitation in months, crops yielded a meager harvest. What was expected to be a 50% harvest resulted in grain sales barely covering costs.

The hay yields haven't been much better. What should have been stored for the coming winter is now being fed to the animals to supplement the parched pastures.

God has blessed us with another opportunity to share our hay with needy villagers in the South. We have acquired 2 truckloads of hay and straw from the North to distribute.

"It was amazing though to see the gratitude the people expressed for the hay!" writes a volunteer. "They were so

grateful. It is just what they needed, especially with the drought they are facing. Thanks so much for making it possible to provide this support to the locals!"

Our neighbor Nelly who lived at the end of our street writes, "Thanks so much for making the hay available for my goats. It was very difficult to find enough forage for them." She also added about the drought, "It is so dry that there is danger of intercepted drones falling into fields and starting fires. The heat is also trial, but we will gladly endure these hardships if only the war would end soon!"

We are hoping to acquire more hay bales for the villagers of the South. Hay is available in the North for approximately \$140 a ton. If God leads you to support us in this way, we'd be happy to pass it on to our friends!

Thank-you again for your prayers and support! God bless.



Needed in Ukraine:

- Volunteers for 1-3 months
- Funds to purchase hay
Truckload: \$1,800 • Goal: 20 truckloads
- Funds to help with grain drying
- 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 Drying Project

Since its start in 2011, International Brotherhood Aid has focused on supporting small farmers in various ways. One of these ways is the Grain Drying Project. Through this we assist farmers in drying their harvested grain before it is used or marketed. These projects are being carried out under supervision of a missionary family who is living in Ukraine. Today, even though our main focus has shifted to help with humanitarian projects because of the war in Ukraine, we are still active in the agriculture sector. IBA has several portable

propane grain dryers. These dryers need to be prepared for the season, transported to a local farm, set up, and operated. Farmers then truck their grain in from the fields and we provide drying service. The grain can then be shipped to market or stored for a better price. This fall, as harvest is around the corner, we are looking for several volunteers willing to spend a month or two in Ukraine to prepare and operate these grain dryers. If you feel led to help us with this project, we will be happy for your assistance! God bless!



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