

Newsletter | November 2024

# Clean Up & Construction

### EFFORTS CONTINUE IN UKRAINE

It feels like it's been a really short summer here in Southern Ukraine. Since I arrived here in mid-June, I've had the privilege of operating the IBA telehandler in Posad Pokrovske and a number of the surrounding villages. With the pallet forks, bucket, and grapple, there's a wide range of tasks we can accomplish.

#### To name a few of the projects this summer:

- » Filling in trenches from earlier in the war that are no longer needed in order to improve access to gardens, pastures, and other previously inaccessible areas.
- » Unloading building material and humanitarian aid shipments.
- » Erecting utility poles.
- » Grain handling during harvest.
- » Jobsite lift services in support of the re-roofing project.
- » Demolition of damaged structures.
- » General debris cleanup.

And many more small jobs for those in need.

As the winter months come on, cold and rainy weather will limit the amount of work we can do with the telehandler. But I look forward to working with fellow volunteers to continue to help **restore hope to broken lives** and shine the light of Christ in this region of Ukraine.

Pray for the ongoing work here as we try to bring back a measure of normalcy to the lives of the people we serve; that we would have a continued zeal and vision for the work; and most of all, that through our labours and in spite of our humanity, the love of Jesus would touch hearts and draw more souls to the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for **your prayers and generosity** that make this effort possible. It is very rewarding to see the smiles and hear the gratefulness from the folks we help!

Nathan Fehr







## Needed in Ukraine:

- Volunteers for 1-3 months
- House parents for 1-3 months
- One crew leader for 6 months to a year
- Funds to purchase building materials

  Semi load of lumber = \$4,500 | Semi load of roofing material = \$10,500
- Your ongoing prayers, support, and donations

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## The Warm Project

Winter is around the corner, bringing anxiety and fear to the hearts of many people in Ukraine. While we as Americans look forward to winter to go sledding and skating, winter in Ukraine can be very cold, especially in areas that were damaged through the war. The heating supply is limited and due to damaged lines, the natural gas that most Ukrainians use for heating and cooking is not available in war torn areas. In addition, electricity is not dependable and also very expensive.

Firewood is another source for heating and cooking, and although most Ukrainians have fruit trees on their property, they do not have access to the forest to cut firewood since a permit is needed to cut trees for firewood.

Unless we help them with heating this winter, their fruit trees will be cut down and then they will have no fruit trees for next year.

IBA is buying semi-truck loads of firewood to help the heating problem. We plan to buy 10+ semi loads of firewood. The cost per semi is around \$3500. We also provide stoves, pipes, etc. and help install the stoves. This project will only be possible through donations and support. Not only do we need funds, but also willing volunteers to help distribute the firewood. Thanks for your prayers and support.









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