



MISSIONS FOCUS

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BACBC Compassion Fund - Ukraine

Our Missionaries, their health and ministries affected by Covid-19

From today's bulletin / Missions Report from Missions Team

(March 25, 2022 letter)

Dear BACBC:

We want to express our deep appreciation for the gift sent to Samaritan's Purse from Bay Area Chinese Bible Church for our work in Ukraine. Your partnership with this ministry is truly a blessing. Samaritan's Purse has an Emergency Field Hospital in Lviv, Ukraine with an emergency room, ICU and two operating rooms. We have medical clinics at a train station and a bus station to provide basic care as thousands of women and children pass through every day fleeing to safety. We have over 160 staff on the ground, including doctors and nurses and we continue to airlift relief supplies. SP is also assisting churches throughout the country to help them minister in this devastating crisis.

We want the people of Ukraine to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them. As we meet physical needs, we want to point them to the peace and hope they can find only through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

We are grateful for your prayers. God bless you.

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Attached is a recent Samaritan's Purse Newsletter.

Under WAYS YOU CAN **HELP**:

- PRAY – call on the Prince of Peace to resolve the conflict in Ukraine and protect innocent lives. Lift up the churches of Ukraine and Eastern Europe as they confront this crisis in the Name of Jesus.
- UKRAINE RESPONSE – your gift enables Samaritan's Purse to offer life-saving medical care and other emergency assistance to those who fled the fighting in Ukraine.

Thank you for reading about and praying for our missionaries, countries and people locally and globally!

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EMERGENCY ALERT
FROM FRANKLIN GRAHAM



A TIDE OF HUMANITY:
Ukrainian families arrive
at the border of Romania.

AP PHOTO/ALEXANDRU DOBRE

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Hospital Airlifted to Europe to Care for Families Fleeing the Fighting



DEAR FRIEND,

We've all been horrified by the war in Ukraine. It's so heartbreaking to see women and children streaming out of the country, while brave husbands, fathers, and sons must stay behind to defend what's left of their nation. These refugees are hungry, sick, and cold from days of traveling miles across a wintry landscape as vast as Texas.

As I write this, our DC-8 cargo jet (*pictured below*) is on the way to Eastern Europe with emergency supplies as we prepare to set up a 30-bed Emergency Field Hospital and additional outpatient medical clinics. Samaritan's Purse has teams on the ground in Poland, Moldova, and Romania to care for those who are desperate for help. We are also sending a 747 cargo jet with additional supplies and equipment. We have been asked to set up the hospital inside the Ukraine border to care for those who have been unable to leave. Many of the nation's hospitals were damaged in the fighting, so there is a desperate need for medical care. Our field hospital is equipped to treat 100 patients and perform up to 10 surgeries a day.

More than a million people have already fled from Ukraine, and millions more who are still in the country have been displaced from their homes. The United Nations is calling it "Europe's largest refugee crisis this century."





AT THE BORDER: Emotions overwhelm a Ukrainian family as their bus arrives safely at the border of Poland. Samaritan's Purse has been working at border crossings like this one to meet the daily needs of refugees and to offer them the hope of the Gospel.

Samaritan's Purse has deep roots and strong church partners in Eastern Europe. Orphanages that we work with in Romania are meeting the daily needs of Ukrainian mothers by providing rice, tea, baby formula, and diapers. Our teams, which include doctors and nurses, are also working along the border in Poland and Moldova to offer help and hope in the Name of Jesus Christ. Many refugees just want someone to pray with.

I've had the opportunity to preach the Gospel in Ukraine in years past, and Samaritan's Purse has a network of over 3,200 churches who distribute Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts (reaching 12 million children over the last 25 years) and teach The Greatest Journey discipleship classes. Last year, more than 56,000 children made life-changing decisions for Christ through the ministry of our team in Ukraine. We reach more than 100 countries with shoebox gifts, and our team in Ukraine is one of the strongest we have anywhere in the world. They are there ministering to their own communities in these dark days.

We received a video from one of our church partners, whose city was under bombardment night after night. Nevertheless, several children came to church on Sunday to study Bible lessons from The Greatest Journey. They were understandably scared that their hometown had become a battlefield, yet their faith remained strong. As the children hid God's Word in their heart, they learned to trust Him during times of trial. "We know that the Lord has already won," their teacher said.

Among all the courageous words we've heard from Ukraine, that's the truth. *"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the Name of the Lord our God"* (Psalm 20:7).

The most important thing we can do for the people of Ukraine is to pray. Please pray earnestly that the Lord will protect the people and bring peace to Ukraine. As Jesus told His disciples: *"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). May God bless you.

Sincerely,



Franklin Graham

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