

EURASIA NORTH FIELD UPDATED REPORT

It is now 65 days since the Ukrainian Invasion started. More than 5.4 million people are now refugees in different countries and more than 7.7 million people are now Internally displaced within Ukraine. The Church of the Nazarene continues mobilizing volunteers and Humanitarian AID to support thousands of people in need. In this updated report we would like to share some of the response the church is doing. We want to thank again all the people that have been donating for this emergency response through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM).

We also want to thank all for your prayers for our people serving refugees and specially those risking their lives in Ukraine, distributing Humanitarian AID among our churches. Our God is merciful and continue protecting our people and vehicles.



This is a picture of the Kiev First Church transformed now in a Humanitarian AID warehouse.



Delivering Humanitarian AID in Vaphnyarka. From left to right; pastors Andriy and Tolik with some of the local church leaders.



Delivering Humanitarian AID in a Ukrainian Community



Family receiving AID from the church in Vaphnyarka

Testimony: This is a short testimony from Pastor Nabil in Odessa describing where are the people the church is helping; he answered; *“some of them are in Izmail, some in Odessa at the rehab. To*

some others, the state has given rooms in a dormitory. Only my family is in my home at the moment". 17 people accepted the Lord last Sunday". Indeed! We are grateful and praising our Lord and God for His love and grace and for the opportunity of salvation offered to these people.

Odessa had been bombed recently and many people have been killed and infrastructure damaged.

Kazatin Church: During the war, the church in Kazatin remains true to its mission and continues to carry out the ministry, preaching the Gospel and showing mercy to all those in need. The church accepts refugees, gives them temporary shelter, and also continues to meet regularly in worship of God using its premises.



The church became a Refugee Center for people traveling to the Polish border



Rehabilitation Ministries group during praying time

For security reasons, most of the Kazatin women with children were forced to leave Ukraine and go to other countries, most of them are in Poland. There is a group of

Kazatin Nazarenes in Wroclaw Poland which has more than thirty people (Women and children). They regularly meet and keep communication through Zoom meetings together with the Kazatin community, They connect for Sunday meetings and Kids Club.



Nazarene Families leaving Kazatin



The church serving refugees



Food packages to be distributed in the community



Volunteers distributing Food packages and other items for needy families

We also want to share some pictures from our Church's response in Moldova



This is Pastor Sergey and some of the people the church is helping.



Ukrainian Families in Moldova supported by the Church of the Nazarene

Here we have a short post from Sylvia:

Day 60 - War || Easter Day

Vova and I drove two days to be in Kyiv for Easter. We managed to gather a few faithful for our traditional sunrise service at St. Vladimir's Park at 6am. It was a beautiful morning, and I got teary-eyed watching our friends show up gradually. The curfew is from 11pm - 5 am these days which made it difficult for others to show up. And many of our regulars are out of the country, of course, though some joined by Zoom. The sunrise service is a beautiful tradition that Robert W. Skinner introduced to Kyiv first church almost 30 years ago. This year especially, we were all longing for it. It was amazing to be together, sing together, and proclaim the good news - Christ is risen!

Journeying back to Kyiv was special but also emotional. As you enter the city, there are still burned-out tanks, blown-up buildings, homes, and gas stations. You realize just how close the occupiers got to the center of Kyiv.

And while there are signs of destruction and death, there are more signs of life. Lots of people are out and about as over 1 million people have already returned to Ukraine. There are signs of spring, birds singing, friends talking and laughing together. I was amazed at how everything seemed to be back to normal. At least until the sirens went off, as they did late Saturday night. The sound of sirens can be unsettling. And yet, we continued our preparations in our sheltered space and I thought, yes, this feels right, preparing and writing a sermon while sheltering is truly a hope-filled act.

Destruction, fear, and death do not get the last word.

That's part of the Easter message. Resurrection. New life. Truth prevailing. Knowing that the light does not extinguish the darkness and never will.

I really needed the hope of Easter today and was blessed to be able to celebrate it with some of those we share it with every year, in this beautiful city and country, on such a beautiful day.

Christ is risen!



Any Nazarene that has been in Ukraine during Easter, have been blessed with this tradition Sylvia is describing in her Post. This park is iconic in the life of Nazarenes in Kiev because for the last 30 years, Nazarenes gathered in this place at 6:00AM to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus

Christ. We are very blessed to see this year Nazarenes gathered there in spite of war and together proclaimed that Christ is indeed Risen!



Nazarenes are also supporting different health facilities providing medical supplies. In the pictures below Marina taking children pampers to one of the health centers



All pictures shared in this document have been taken by Sylvia Cortez, Andriy Takhati, Sergey Onofroshuk and Tolik Galagan and Maria Guztinne.

Maria Gusztinné Tulipán, shares with us an update about how the churches in Hungary are helping provide aid and resources to those who are displaced from and within Ukraine.

The latest trip took place on 23rd April, which included taking clothes, medical, grocery and baby care items that the Nazarene congregations around the District had gathered, to which many other non-Nazarenes and other denominations had also contributed.

Our team went at the Easter weekend and prepared for an Easter celebration and served 230 people, they were also able to sing Easter songs and share the Easter message. They were ministering to 8 refugees from Russia, the rest were displaced from other places of Ukraine and the locals. This is the Zakarpatje area close to the Hungarian border.

The Sunday school children, families, NYI, pastors were asked to send drawings, video messages, songs recorded as an Easter greeting to the people. See attached pictures.

We have directly helped 350-400 people, and indirectly (not through personal contact) approximately 600 people that we know of...the rest is hard to count. Out of these, there are 150-180 children. We also helped some to come across the border, but most still want to stay in Ukraine, so we minister to some of the same people.

Our team is led by Vivien and Miklos from the Debrecen Church of the Nazarene. We have a storage place about 30 kms from the border, which is also set up as a shelter as needed.

So far our district has helped with clothes, food (even cooking meals locally and distributing), medical staff, sanitary items, a lot of diapers, mouth masks, sleeping bags, blankets, soap, hand sanitizers. The district aims to raise another 1,000 EUR for the next food supply.



We want to end this update with a beautiful picture of Sister Lydia, one of our few Nazarenes in Kiev and her delicious baked Paska. She is one of the Kiev First Church founders.



We want to send again our words of gratitude to all the people praying and donating through the NCN link; <https://give.nazarene.org/donate/f/137043>

May God bless you abundantly.