

Boots on the Ground to Serve Ukrainian Refugees

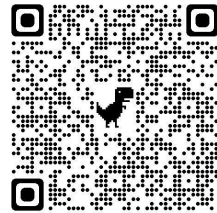


God raised up Mihai for "such a time as this." When Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, Mihai and other Live Global partners living and serving in Eastern Europe jumped to action.

Mihai and his team live and serve in Moldova, a country that borders Ukraine. As refugees began to flee Ukraine and cross the border to Moldova, Mihai and his team set up shelters and made trips to and from the border to pick up refugees.

To Give to Live Global and their relief work in Moldova please click on the QR code or use the website link.

<https://liveglobal.org/imago-dei-moldova/boots-on-the-ground-to-serve-ukrainian-refugees/>



March 6, 2022

10:30 A.M.

Lost Sons and Lost Daughters



Order of Service

Announcements

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

Call To Worship

Hymn of Praise

"Impossible Things Brown/McClarney/Tomlin/Cash

Prayer of Invocation

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed¹

Song of Praise: "Behold Our God". Baird/Altrogge

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

----- God's Renewal-----

Scripture Warning: James 2:10, Matthew 5:20

Public Confession: Adapted from Luke 11:37-52

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: Colossians 1:13-14

Song of Renewal

"10,000 Reasons(Bless the Lord)". Redman/Myrin

-----God's Grace-----

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-24 (ESV)

Prayer

The Sermon: Coming Home for Lent

"Lost Sons and Lost Daughters"

Song of Communion

"The Prodigal". Meghan and Ryan Baird

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Approach

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-25 (Optional)

Holy Communion

-----God's Blessing-----

Parting Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". Watts/Mason

Benediction

God's Gracious Provision 2/27/2022

Attendance: 36

Offering: \$1745.00

Your offering may be placed in the box at the Welcome Table.

Praying for Children in the Ukraine and Russia

By Scotty Smith



People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the

little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:15-16

Lord Jesus, this Scripture ignites our hearts to pray for children impacted by the horror and trauma of this war—children both in the Ukraine and in Russia. Thank you for your passionate, compassionate heart for children.

We channel our deep sadness, growing rage, and sense of helplessness as fuel for our prayers. So, Jesus hear our laments, cries, and intercession for the most vulnerable ones. Our growing prayer list includes...

We pray for Russian children (and their moms) who have lost their fathers in this war, and haven't received the news yet. Have mercy, Lord. We ask for a mighty Gospel work among the Russian soldiers. Bring many to a saving knowledge of yourself, Jesus.

We pray physical protection and provision for Ukrainian children in harm's way. Supernaturally, and otherwise, minimize the suffering and loss of life, Jesus. Keep the bombs away, and food in their stomachs.

We pray for children who are seeing things no child's eye should ever see. Jesus, you are a great King and healer. By whatever means you chose—angels, loving parents, a direct work of the Holy Spirit, fellow believers... protect the hearts, minds, and imagination of children.

We pray for children immigrating from their homes to a new everything—obviously for Ukrainian families, but also for the growing number of Russian families seeking to do the same. Provide safely, welcome, shelter, and in your perfect timing, a home in the riches of the Gospel and eternal life. Oh Jesus... please bring an end to this war soon. So Very Amen.

Hey Gospel-Friends... here's an awesome link to further direct your praying, put together by my beloved friends/colleagues at Serge: Grace at the Frey: <https://serge.org/bearing-one-anothers-burdens-ukraine/>

- The third part of repentance is that we cast ourselves on God's free, merciful, bountiful provision of grace (Verse 17).

The lavish enthusiasm of the father

The son "got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him." (Verse 20) God is not so busy with other things that he is not concerned about his alienated children. All his affairs are in order, and well taken care of. He is free to be concerned about his children.

"Before anyone else sees, God sees. He sees every twitch of your soul."
—John Piper

God's compassion is exceptional. The father is so full of joy that he drapes himself around his lost son's neck and welcomes him back with hugs and kisses of affection.¹

The celebration. Verse 23: "Bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry."

The gospel is almost too good to be true. But what do you hear when the Father says (verse 24), "This son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found"? This parable is preeminently about God the Father, revealing his character as compassionate and forgiving. But God seeks a relationship that is consciously entered into by his children.²

Do we believe that God embraces those who turn to him?
This text calls us to see that he does and then to rest in the encouragement that such love and grace generates.

¹Bock, D. L. (1996). *Luke* (p. 413). Zondervan Publishing House.

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Upcoming Events

Monday, March 7 7:00 P.M. Men's Small Group
at the home of Dave Frame

Tuesday, March 8 6:30-8 P.M. Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
at the home of the Deichertes.

Wednesday, March 9 Coventry-Warwick Ministerium Lenten Service
at Calvary Christian Center, 426 Laurelwood Rd. Pottstown, PA 19465. **GCC will be hosting.** Pastor Jim Jannotti will be speaking.

Friday & Saturday, March 18-19 Men's Retreat at Camp Sankanac.
Pick up more information and registration at the Welcome Table.

Sunday, March 20 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer
GCC Prayer Gathering for youth and adults—1300 High St

Sunday, March 27 Ladies Game Night 6-8 P.M.
at the home of Cindy Yorgey

Saturday, April 2 6:00 P.M. Prayer Dinner
at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb

Crossing Cultures International David and Mindy Nelson



India

By God's grace, CCI India conducted an orientation in Achampet with 25 pastors in January. Their CCI class will start this month. Pray for the pastors to be faithful in their studies and complete the training. May He bless them as they study and grow together. Pray for the Lord to guide the beginning of this class, direct its progress, and bring it to successful completion.

DiscipleMakers: Tim and Holly Holden

Pray for the young man from Kutztown University who expressed interest in the Gospel and received a Bible. Pray that he sees the truth and believes it.

CRU: Steve and Kristin Scholl

- Pray for the men and women they have the privilege of talking to daily, as they journey towards missions.
- Pray for them to be able to move into their home soon.
- Pray for their son Jonathan as he is having a lot of trouble sleeping at night.

Prayer/Praise. March 6, 2022

- Pray for Deana Deichert's family as they mourn the death of her aunt. Pray especially for Deana's mom, as she is very confused and disoriented because of her Alzheimer's.
- Praise that Sara Care, who had a procedure as an outpatient on February 23rd, is doing much better. Pray for continued healing.
- Pray for Nic Collins, who has an opportunity to go to Costa Rica. Pray for guidance in God's will for Nic and for the families impacted by their ministry.
- Please pray for Deb Breyer, friend of Dawn Fleetman, who is back in the hospital with pneumonia and a leg infection. She is on breathing treatments and antibiotics. Pray for God's healing for Deb.
- Please pray for Agnes, a coworker of Dawn Fleetman, who had a heart attack at work and is in the hospital. It is the second one and now has eight stents. Pray for her recovery.
- Pray for Nic Collins whose school announced they were shutting down this year. Pray for guidance in this next season in Nic's life.
- Pray for Tyler and Kaci Yensan, as they have new navy orders for the end of this month to transfer to a marine base in California. Please pray for safety in moving and God's discerning wisdom in their decisions.
- Pray for Sam Mace's brother, Bob, and his family. The family is experiencing serious health issues, and difficult decisions need to be made. Pray the family would sense God is with them amid all that is occurring in the family.
- Pray for Eric Barret, whose wife, Lizette, passed away. Eric had back surgery and isn't back to work yet. Pray for God's strength, comfort, and peace for Eric, who is really struggling alone with the loss of Lizette.
- Please continue to pray for Donna Jenkins' nephew, Evan James, who has a very rare disease, CDA. Evan is doing as well as he can at this point, but he will always need oxygen in his nose for his lungs. Pray for God's healing for Evan and for his family and wisdom for his doctors.
- Pray for Austin, stepson of Lorraine Blanski's niece. Pray for strength, stamina, and a positive outlook with PT using his new prosthetics. Austin now has a prosthetic for his left leg and both arms. Pray for Austin as he continues to navigate his surroundings and his new life.
- Pray for Denny Bartchak. Denny has started physical therapy on his arm. Pray that he will soon be able to have the procedure to get the results of his bladder cancer treatments.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker. Pray for healing for Justine through her chemotherapy

Message

Lost Sons and Lost Daughters Coming Home for Lent

Luke 15:11–24 (ESV)

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." ' ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

The Lost Son

The Misery of Lostness

Running away from God and living without God starts by feeling free and ends in utter misery — either in this life or the one to come, or both.

You and I were made to be filled with God.

The nature of his repentance

- First, he comes *to himself* (verse 17).
When you are alienated from God, you are always alienated from yourself. You can't know yourself or relate properly to yourself if you are running from the one who made yourself for himself.
- The second part of repentance is humble brokenness and a deep sense of unworthiness before God (Verse 18).