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Update from The Abrman Family on April 9, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Feeding the refugees was our primary activity during the first five weeks of the war in Ukraine. We also assisted the displaced families in different ways while using every opportunity to share the Gospel with them. Presently, we are focusing more on providing accommodations for those who have no place to stay.

The Slovak government tells us that the situation will become overwhelming if Putin starts attacking the western part of Ukraine. Just imagine the fact that Slovakia is a very small country of 5 million people, while the population of the city of Kyiv alone is 3 million. At this moment, there are millions of displaced Ukrainians staying and waiting in many camps and various makeshift centers at the Slovak border, yet still on the Ukrainian side. If Putin expands his war into that area, millions of refugees will run in this direction and completely overwhelm this little country. We have no idea what it would look like.

It is with your generous help that we were able to find accommodation for a number of refugee families this week. We are contacting different people and churches to see if they could help accommodate some families. Together with our volunteers, we cleaned up some storage rooms in a large church building at Nove Mesto (just 15 miles from our place). This space was converted into comfortable accommodation for a six-member family. Some used kitchen cabinets and appliances were also bought and installed without delay. These Ukrainians literally cried as they expressed their gratitude for it.

The two Ukrainian families that stayed in our home received an invitation from German Christians to move to Germany. They are now a part of a church that is providing them with all the support they need, as their husbands and adult sons had to stay in Ukraine. The Lord willing, we expect two new families to arrive at our place on Monday. We keep looking for more accommodations as we know that more Ukrainians will be coming. We also continue to provide food for those who are in need.

This week, I was supposed to meet one of the managers of the volunteer organization that is known for its humanitarian assistance, crisis management and rescue efforts. The person has been busy doing some refugee work near the border the whole week, and we had no chance to meet. However, this lady pleaded with us on the phone to urgently find accommodation for one refugee family that had no place to stay, which we did, by God's help.

We also praise the Lord for the 30,000 Gospel tracts in the Ukrainian language that will be on their way to Slovakia soon, as a generous gift from the organization Amazing Grace Tract Fellowship (AGTF - associated with Chick tracts). Another 30,000 tracts will be provided by AGTF in the Slovak language. When I shared this news with our team, one of the brothers said "This is my dream come true! Praise the Lord!" Please, pray with us that the Lord will use His precious Gospel in these tracts to open the eyes of many Ukrainians as well as Slovak people. We have no greater desire than to see the dying sinners saved by Grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ! We will be sharing the Ukrainian tracts with other pastors and ministries that are in need of the Gospel tracts in the Ukrainian language.

We also praise the Lord for another box of 100 copies of the Ukrainian New Testament that have arrived today.

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With your generous help we will also be able to sponsor a number of Ukrainian children to participate in a Vacation Bible Camp that is now in the preparation stage by some of the close friends of our ministry in Slovakia. The camp will be conducted in the Ukrainian language.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, we are deeply touched by your prayers, support and generous donations that make our ministry to the suffering refugees possible. Many of them are telling us that they want to return back to Ukraine when the war is over. May the Lord bestow His mercy on many of them so that they will return home as a new creation in Christ, newly born Children of God and lovers of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Serving Him Together,

Bro. Jozef Abrman