

April + May 2022 Mission Challenge || Focus: The Abrman Family in Slovakia

Update from The Abrman Family on April 24, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Ukrainian refugees are still arriving in Slovakia on a daily basis but not as many as last month. Around 3000 of them cross the border into this little country at any 24 hour period. However, very surprisingly, while they arrive here, 1000 of other Ukrainian refugees are crossing the border back into Ukraine. Many of these returnees have been scattered in Slovakia and all over Europe for weeks, while waiting for the war to end. It seems like they will wait no longer. They are returning back with an intent to stay in the cities and regions that are perceived as relatively safe. Many are returning as they can no longer handle staying in a foreign country, being separated from their husbands, sons and other relatives. We are grateful to the Lord for your help and provisions of all the thousands of Gospel tracts, copies of the Gospel of John and NT's that have, so far, been distributed among them in the refugee centers and through other contacts.

As needed, we continue to supply food to the Bratislava refugee center and to the refugee families that are staying with Slovak families in the region. Last week, we employed one dear Slovak lady, Veronica, from a nearby like-minded church to help us with assisting these refugee families with schooling, doctor's visits, administration work and many other tasks. Since these people do not speak Slovak, they naturally need many types of basic assistance. We also continue to accommodate and feed a number of refugees at the Berea Center. The number is changing all the time. Some new ones are still arriving there, while others have already left for other destinations where they found a job or some other system of support.

Christians from Ukraine keep telling us about their situation also. They are sacrificially helping their own people who have been displaced inside their own country. There are millions of them who lost their homes and have become domestic refugees. The members of our small local church in Trencin, Slovakia, have themselves sent over \$5000 to help these Ukrainian Christians by now. Ukrainians continue to minister to their own domestic refugees as well, as we continue to help those who are on this side of the border.

We are so grateful to the Lord for Bro. and Sis. Evgrafov, the Ukrainian American couple from California who arrived here a week ago to help with refugee ministry. They have already ministered to many Ukrainian families in Kosice City and in other villages since they arrived. We are grateful to the Lord that they were willing to come and help with bringing the Gospel to Ukrainian refugees in their own language. Tomorrow, they should be going to Michalovce City to volunteer in a refugee camp. Please, pray that the Lord will open many great doors of opportunity for them to witness about Christ among these people.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, again, thank you from our hearts for your prayers and for being a part of our ministry. And, forgive us for being late in responding to some of your letters and acknowledging your support! Our ministry has never before been exposed to so many tasks and needs that we need to respond to without delay.

In Christ Jesus,

**Bro. Jozef Abrman and Family
Slovakia**