

Raising Hope Ukraine

71 Days of war in Ukraine

It is hard to believe that we have entered our third month of war in Ukraine. Almost everyone that left their homes believed it was going to be only for a few days, but in turn has become an uncertainty that we have never known. One where we have to wait for 4 hours to buy 2.5 gallons of gas, where our kids wake each morning wondering if our city will be the next to be bombed, where we hear sirens daily and where our conversations at the table are full of fears and heartache. My mind and heart has been playing a statement that our Marina made yesterday over and over again. She said with tears in her eyes "look what they are doing to our beautiful land and people?" This is her heart's cry and ours too. But, we continue to know and trust God will make beauty from ashes. He will prevail.

We wanted to give you all a little update on things where we are and what 71 days of war has looked like for us.





Aid to our military - this has included power banks, tourniquets, flashlights, vests, helmets, shoes, clothing, food, socks, specific equipment requested by the army and even a vehicle to one of the brigades. These men and women serving Ukraine are risking their lives on the front lines and need all help and prayers they can get. We continue to keep close contact with several different officers in the military who are updating us on needs.



From the beginning of the war, everyone has been pitching in and helping however they can. These are pictures of ladies sewing netting and also uniforms for our soldiers.





With your support we have been able to provide food to over 200 families and a daily supply of foods for our crisis center since February 24th.





Crisis Center - the crisis center has around 25-30 people living there waiting out the war. Our church also has about 8 people and we have between our homes around 15-20 at all times living with us. Since the beginning of the war, we have housed over 2000 people, whether it was for an overnight stay, a few nights or just a hot meal, tea or to warm up during the harsh cold nights before traveling further.



Meet Vanya, he is 20 years old and saved his two younger cousins after over month of bombing and living in a cellar in Mariupol. He worked at the Asovstal factory in Mariupol. He is now living with us and arrived to Vinnytsa with only a backpack of documents. Ruslan is now teaching him how to drive and has paid for his three month course in driver's school so that he can get his driver's license. He has an older brother still in Mariupol. Any prayers and support specifically for Vanya would be greatly appreciated!



Our family continues to grow! We pray everyday for this war to be over, but we will surely miss our new Kharkiv friends that have quickly become family!





We were asked several months ago to take three more children and we felt like the Lord was saying yes to us, but there is still a lot of paperwork that needs to be done and rights to be removed. So we ask for you all to be praying for Dasha, Artyom and Yana.

We are so very thankful for each of you, your faithful support and most of all your fervent prayers! We feel the covering of prayers and know that your prayers and the Lord is carrying us through each day. May the Lord bless you and keep you and give you peace!

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