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Update from The Abrman Family on May 7, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Earlier this week, there were bombings taking place just about 60 miles from the Slovakian border. The headlines in the newspapers read: "The war in Ukraine is getting closer to Slovakia." No need to say that this news has brought fear to many Slovak people's hearts. While the crisis continues to disrupt this part of the world in many ways the Lord brings much glory to Himself through the Gospel as it finds the hearts and minds of many people more receptive to Jesus at this time.

The number of refugees entering Slovakia has increased from 2,000 to around 3,400 a day this week. By God's grace, and with your generous help, we continue to deliver food and other items to the refugees accommodated at the Bratislava sports hall. One of our volunteers from our church in Trencin has worked there for three days this week. He keeps informing us about the needs as they emerge. The number of refugees in the center is changing constantly. One day there were only 26 people. The following day there were 65 refugees. Hundreds of copies of the Gospel of John have been distributed at this location so far. Should you enter this center as a refugee, one of the publications that would be offered to you on day one is the Gospel of John and other materials.

There are many Slovak families that have opened their doors to accommodate refugee families. While they happen to have a room or two that can be used for such a charitable purpose, they may not have the ability to feed the refugees under their roof. We are so grateful that we can help at least some of them as well.

I may repeat myself here again, but... This Sunday morning, we will welcome Slava and Tatiana in our church in Trencin. This is the couple that called us from California two months ago asking us if they could come and help with the refugee ministry. We were so excited when they told us that both of them spoke perfect Ukrainian. Over the last several weeks, God has wonderfully used them to bring the Gospel in their own language to hundreds, and actually, thousands of refugees in several cities of Slovakia and Poland. Their presentation on the subject of "God is using the Ukrainian crisis for his glory" will be a testimony to the truth that God's Word is not bound, and that it continues to reach the lost for Jesus even under these difficult circumstances.

Couple days ago, we delivered a gift of 100 backpacks to the office of the CEF ministry in Bratislava. These backpacks will be sent to the Ukrainian children who have lost their homes and are now displaced with their moms and siblings in the Western part of Ukraine. These backpacks contain various items that students normally need in their schooling. We also put some nonperishable food items in it, and of course, some beautiful Gospel materials written specifically for children.

On Monday, the Lord willing, we will welcome two new Ukrainian refugee families in our church in Trencin. Our Sunday school rooms have been furnished with beds and furniture so that all the seven people can stay there as long as they need to. We will try to help them with everything that they need materially as well as in other ways.

Thank you, dear Brothers and Sisters, for your faithful prayers and for your generous support as we seek to glorify our Father in heaven together with you. Our greatest desire and prayer is to see the Ukrainian people saved by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

**Jozef and Anna Abrman,
Your Missionaries in Slovakia**