

Ukrainian Christians and Ukraine Need Your Intercessory Prayers and Help in This Time of War

“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.” (Matthew 24:7)

Dear Friend in Christ,

We have only to reflect briefly on the above Scripture and realize it was also to us today that Jesus was speaking.

I just received this letter from Slavik Radchuk—our mission ambassador to Ukraine, Russia and the Central Asian Republics and Associate Director of Good Samaritan Mission in Ukraine. Please also check the new report from Father’s House, below.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We greet you in the name of Jesus. The Russian Federation has attacked Ukraine in a 1,200-km long perimeter and now as I’m writing this letter, Russia is attacking all the major cities, especially Kiev. After bombing, Russia dropped parachuted foot soldiers from planes. Currently there is war over every major city in the Ukraine. Our ministry is helping more than 150 children plus 30 adults to evacuate from Kiev to Western Europe. The other day I spoke with our Mission Director and tears poured from my eyes. We support more than 200 missionaries in Ukraine from Good Samaritan Mission. Many of them have opened new churches in the east of Ukraine (the first war zone). Our Director called the missionaries there to escape from that war zone and return home. Two families returned because they have small children but more than 20 missionaries said to us, “we will stay in our ministry place. If we have to die, we are willing to lay down our lives.” New believers from every church said, “please don’t go because we have no one who will take care of our people in church and we are just new believers.” Our Ministry in Ukraine is working to evacuate to Western Europe 400 more children and adults. Currently our mission has bought mattresses and prepared spaces for refugees from all over Ukraine. They are now preparing more than 1,000 boxes with food. More boxes need to be prepared. Please, dear friends in Christ, if you are willing through prayer to yield your hearts in a critical time such as this, and if you are willing to do something from yourself or your church, or business, it is a big request to help us buy boxes with food, take care of homeless children and refugees. On behalf of missionaries from Ukraine,
Slavik Radchuk, Good Samaritan Mission



Photos above: relief supplies from GSM and relief work with children.

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We with the members of the board and the leaders of Fathers House began preparing for a theoretically possible evacuation last month. Lots of prep work had been done! But the early and sudden attack caught us by surprise.



Above left: Father's House missionaries and children prepare to leave Kiev. Right: The children stop for a quick snack.

Our entire evacuation plan was thwarted in one moment due to lack of transportation for this evacuation of our children in Kiev. I thank everyone who prayed for us in different parts of the world at this time and as an answer to the prayer the Lord unexpectedly found us the Valery carrier, who called us and informed us that in two hours his two buses would leave and could take our kids to bring them to a safe place in Poland. The children did not have foreign passports, but thanks to the Director of the Children's and Family Service of the Kyiv region, who is already under fire at the risk of her own life and the team of the entire document service, they helped us to take this step to protect and save the lives of the children.

There was little time, and little space in the two big buses. Therefore, only the children and the minimum amount of adults needed to ensure the safety of the children were evacuated. There were 147 children and 30 adults. In addition to the two buses we had to send our Sprinter minibus and another minibus and hire another bus that agreed to take our children. Dedicated police officers organized the escorting of our children by patrol police cars, who guided us in every region to each other like relay racers with batons. Thanks to them, we successfully overcame all traffic jams on the Zhytomyr highway and arrived quickly enough to the border with Poland.

Angels All Around Us!

However, all of us especially remembered the trip around the Rivne region. Thanks to our escorts we miraculously survived an air strike at the Rivne Airport. We needed to overcome the distance from Svyatopetrivsky to the Yagodyn checkpoint in one breath without stopping at the toilets, as there was a high probability of an enemy attack from the air at any minute and in any place. To do so, as soon as the offer to leave was received, we asked children and adults to refrain from food and drink if possible. Everyone, without exception, agreed and took this understanding very seriously. We covered the distance of 500 km in one stretch. However, in Rivne we once tried to stop at the gas station to take children to the bathroom, but literally 5 minutes later the explosions suddenly began. We later learned it was the airport shelling. Police officers escorted us heroically, covering the children's bodies in case a shell hit the gas station, and took our children out of the gas station. They later asked our buses to turn off the lights and follow them at top speed. They themselves turned on the emergency lights to show us the direction of traffic and thus caused a possible fire on themselves! These are the real Heroes and we are proud of our Police! We were encouraged by the words of the Police Officers who said to us: *"Don't be afraid, don't cry and don't be sad! Go with God and believe that with God's help we will soon overcome the enemy and you will return to your homeland in peace and safety! And please say a prayer for us!"*

Our Sprinter van broke down in Kovel (Ukraine) and we had to leave it there. A foster parent, who owned another minibus, was not allowed to cross at the border, but he allowed us to use it to take some of the children. The Valery Carrier became for us like an angel, planted by God to help us here as well. He replaced our hired bus with his and instead of 2 minibuses he allocated a fourth bus for us. Since he didn't have a driver, he personally drove himself and helped to defend children's interests while crossing the borders. After 12 hours of crossing all borders, he took us to the territory of Poland, breathed a sigh of relief and said, "I completed my mission!" My question was how much should we pay him for all that He has done for us? He said his act was a free contribution to save the lives of fatherless children and he was glad he got the opportunity to help save their lives. The children and I are grateful to Valery, Alexander and for their sacrificial help in saving children's lives! May the Lord God Himself, who calls himself Father to the orphans, reward abundantly in all areas of their lives, the lives of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

Entering Poland

We hoped that after crossing the border, into Poland we could buy food and feed our children enough. But crossing the border took 12 hours and everyone was so tired that despite the hunger, they fell asleep. Despite the late time, at 11 p.m., we did not wake anyone up and continued our journey to a safe rest area for children. Around 8 a.m. we heard the news that one of our buses had broken down so we made a forced stop at the rest area. The public restroom where we planned to wash and brush our teeth turned out to be closed and we decided to use the bathroom at McDonald's. The restaurant employees immediately warned that if we didn't buy anything from them, we couldn't use their bathroom. But, hearing the Ukrainian language, they changed their minds at once and invited all the children inside. We still decided to give the children a little joy, a reward for their patience and buy breakfasts at McDonald's. When she found out we were taking orphans, the manager offered 50% off and gave everyone fries and a pie. The miracle of God's care did not end here. Our other two buses stopped near Auchan. They didn't have money to buy groceries for the kids since I only had a credit card and they waited until I pulled up. At this time, the children near the bus were stretching their numb legs. Thanks to Anton and Olga, the information that buses with orphans stopped in the city flew across the city instantly. One woman and her husband took food with them to the border to feed the refugees from Ukraine. People began to show concern: inviting children who were in diapers to their home to wash. One restaurant invited to its place and fed all of us delicious and freshly cooked hot food. While our children were eating, the doctors came and examined all the children who had complaints and gave the necessary medication. While our buses were fueled by the city authorities with diesel, a local school principal was invited to the school premises where volunteers in play uniforms entertained our children. They provided opportunity to bathe, watch educational programs, and attended to our every urgent need. There was so much delicious food on the road that the children on the bus ate and ate, eating away after suffering from the previous days of the hunger strike.

In addition to citizen volunteers in Poland, the President and city leaders and Pieter Tatarbunarsky, the director of a school in Lydia, came to us and all of them sincerely welcomed all of us and assured that they would help other refugees from Ukraine, providing them food and aid. Some of our children even cried from such attention given to them. All the people with tears in their eyes escorted us as though we were relatives. Part of our hearts remained with God's angels! Praise God for his angels!

Everyone prayed for Ukraine! It was all so touching and sincere! The atmosphere of love was just filling us all around! During this journey, so many of our friends in different parts of the world prayed for our evacuation and offered all kinds of help. Each has their own destiny of rewards from God in the destiny and lives of the saved children!

Roman Korniyko, Director of Father's House, Ukraine

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James S. Eagles, President

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