

HOW ARE OUR ECMERS IN UKRAINE DOING?

HOW ARE THEY (AND YOU) HELPING IN THIS CRISIS?

European Christian Mission

HOW ARE THEY?

Our ECMers in Ukraine are safe and are doing as well as can be expected. Our ECM field leader is carrying a lot of responsibility, and they are all emotionally and physically tired, so we pray for God to sustain them during these difficult days.

Please pray that "the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard their hearts and their minds in Christ Jesus". (Phil. 4:7)

WHERE ARE THEY?

Most of the team is in a large city in Western Ukraine, close to the border with Poland. They find themselves in a strategic location to help the thousands of refugees arriving from central and eastern Ukraine. Most of them are on their way to Poland and other European countries, but some will stay with them for a while.

ECM also has associates in other parts of Ukraine:

There is pastor and church planter in [south-western Ukraine](#), at the border with Slovakia and near the border with Hungary. He is helping many refugees coming to cross the border in this area.

There is another pastor and church planter in [Irpın, right next to Kyiv](#). When Irpin was bombed, he had to evacuate to western Ukraine. His church is being used as a transit centre for people seeking to escape the capital. Please pray for protection for them.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?

ECMers in the country:

Our field leader there is part of a wider coordination group of evangelical pastors/workers serving the crisis, coordinating the travel and reception of those trying to escape the war, in particular those who are most vulnerable.

They have turned their church and their centre into a shelter and have been hosting around 80-90 refugees every day with both places. The centre also serves as a shelter for around 100 people when the air alarm goes off.

Due to the scarcity of resources in Ukraine, we are sending a bus every two weeks, filled with tons of food and basic products, from Slovakia into Ukraine. There, our ECM team receives these resources needed to serve the refugees, and sends the bus back with refugees.

We have also bought a minibus for the ECM team in Ukraine to facilitate transport of goods and refugees in the country.

ECMers in other countries:

The Polish border is hosting the biggest numbers of refugees. We have an ECMer serving there, and we want to fund a full-time pastor/counsellor to serve the spiritual needs of the refugees there, who have experienced heavy trauma from the war.

ECM also has workers in neighbouring countries who are mobilising to help welcome and host Ukrainian refugees, at this point in Poland, Slovakia, Romania, Croatia and Germany, with more possibly joining in other countries in the future.

Our ECMers across Europe have also responded to the need, hosting refugees in their homes, raising funds, and organising prayer initiatives. Please pray for opportunities for them to help the refugees and show them Christ's love.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

All these actions are not possible without your help. Those hosting refugees need to buy food, bottled water, beds, mattresses, sheets, hygienic products and many other necessary items, since those travelling do not usually have much with them.

We have already been able to distribute around 50,000 € to our ECM workers on the ground serving the refugee crisis. We are aware that this crisis will be prolonged, so we are grateful for every donation already made or that people want to make in the coming weeks.

And most of all, please keep Ukraine in your prayers. Let's pray for God to intervene, to guide, to protect, to bless Ukraine, and in particular our brothers and sisters there.

"The whole team thanks God for you, and all brothers and sisters in different countries! Thank you so much for keeping us in prayers, support, and care! It brings us more courage, strength, and hope! Appreciate your hard work —(ECM field leader Ukraine)"

Check our ECM Social Media (Facebook and Instagram) for more updates on our ECM workers relief work.

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