

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

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For many years, One Challenge USA has served pastors and believers across Ukraine. Longstanding friendships now form channels through which practical assistance can flow in their greatest time of need.

We are working closely with OC field staff in Europe to prioritize urgent humanitarian needs and carefully steward the distribution of funding where most needed.

You can be part of this team effort to love courageously in Jesus' name. Read ongoing updates from OC workers Joel and Irena, who are seeking to help those on the ground. Other OC workers report on how surrounding countries are helping refugees. Join us in praying for Ukraine using this short guide.

UPDATES FROM OTHER WORKERS

Ukraine has been at war since February 24. The attack on Ukraine by Russia forced One Challenge workers, Irena and Joel Colon to flee to Poland where they continue to **coordinate the relief effort at the storage warehouse**, primarily working with Samaritan's Purse and Conoy of Hope. As part of the relief help, they send New Testaments and prayer guides. Prior to the war perhaps 1 in 10 people would take literature from Christian workers, and perhaps read it or throw it away. Now, everyone is asking for it and the churches are asking for more and more, using as much as is available.

Those receiving help are so grateful. [Watch this video](#) to hear it in their own words: tinyurl.com/humanitarian-aid-ukraine



As winter approaches, and the war continues, Joel and Irena hope to help as many people as they can prepare for cold weather. It is going to be a difficult winter, but they are trusting God to sustain them and their people through it.



Irena reports:

Joel and I have been living in Poland since March 7, helping with humanitarian efforts towards Ukraine. Our hearts are in Ukraine, and we have been back four times already. One of the main challenges people face is lack of work. Many end up leaving Ukraine just to find work and provide for their family. So, Joel and I came up with an idea to launch several small coffee kiosks, because Ukraine has a strong coffee culture and people still drink a lot of coffee. Since we've operated a coffee shop since 2015, we understand the business. Each coffee point (kiosk) would employ 2-3 people, and it only takes about a week to train people with no former experience. We don't know how quickly this could grow but we want to help employ as many people as we are able. If you want to know more or give towards this project, please go here: tinyurl.com/help-ukrainian-jobs



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY

As we get reports from Ukraine and those helping there and in the surrounding areas, they continue to express their **deep gratitude** for much needed supplies enabled through the generosity of many. They also emphasize the great **support they feel from our prayers.**

Please continue praying with us for:

- peace and an end to the war very soon
 - safety and endurance for all the pastors and relief workers.
 - wisdom and courage for Ukrainian President Zelensky and the Ukrainian leadership. Pray they will turn to God in this hour of need!
 - wisdom for Joel & Irena to know how and when to act with all the different needs.
 - God to use this time of uncertainty and fear to move the hearts of people and recognize Christ as the only hope and Savior
 - strength and wisdom for Christian workers and organizations to be the hands and feet of Jesus
- European churches receiving many Ukrainian refugees to love these people well, and for provision as they stretch themselves with meager resources
 - sustained hope to overcome the discouragement felt by all suffering from the war
 - a continued outpouring of resources and generosity to sustain those in desperate need who have lost so much
 - protection of nuclear facilities from bombing, causing devastating effects
 - healing from all the trauma of war

One Challenge has open channels to direct your gifts to those in need in Ukraine. If you feel led to help provide relief to Ukrainians on the ground, you can [give here](#): onechallenge.org/give. For more breaking stories regarding Ukraine, visit onechallenge.org/2022/02/28/ukraine-relief-fund/.