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Psalm 46 says, “The nations rage, and the kingdoms totter,” It has been hard to see that happen in Ukraine. At the same time we see the courage and perseverance of our missionaries in Eastern Europe.

Grace has many missionaries and partners in bordering countries: Poland, Moldova, Romania, as well as in Ukraine and Russia. Our missionaries and partners are not running away from the chaos but running into it.

Below you can read the ways that some of our missionaries and partners are responding to the crisis in Ukraine. Please know that many more of our missionaries are involved in efforts not listed below. Please be faithful in praying for our brothers and sisters.

Psalms 46 concludes, may the Lord of host be with them, and the God of Jacob their stronghold as they toil and risk their lives for the glory of God and people of Ukraine.

MONER AND STENIA SHADED: MISSIONARIES IN POLAND

- The members of their church are opening their home to Ukrainian Refugees. Moner and Stenia are currently hosting 2 Ukrainian families in their home and one in their daughter’s home. They are teaching the children Polish to help them live in Poland.
- They are currently working with some pastors in Ukraine to find a way to bring 40-50 orphans out of the war and into Poland. They are ready to remodel a building that might work for an orphanage.

K AND D IN EUROPE: MISSIONARIES IN EUROPE

- Are working with Refugee Centers to create activities for children. Children and their mothers had to leave their dads/husbands behind. Children are often separated from all their friends and at the moment have no reason or motivation to leave their rooms or get off their phones. They are working on providing reason and motivation.

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NICU AND SAMUEL GRIGORE: CRU MISSIONARIES IN ROMANIA (FATHER AND SON)

- Nicu and other believers are hosting 3 kinds of refugees:
- Refugees in transit (3-20 days) on their way to other countries.
- Refugees who want to stay and live in Romania
- Refugees who want to stay just until the war ends
- All these refugees need accommodations, food, cloths, medicine, help with paperwork. Then some of them need help finding a job, learning Romanian and starting new lives.
- There is another category of Ukrainians who have fled Kiev and are staying in the cities of western Ukraine to deal with the paperwork (many have left because of the bombings without any papers, just the clothes on their backs) - every week Nicu organises a convoy of 6 minibuses with clothes, food and medicine.

GAETANO AND SONDRÀ SOTTILE: MISSIONARIES IN ITALY - ITALY FOR CHRIST

- Very busy bringing women and children out and away from the war bombings.
- A team of 20 Professional tradesmen - builders, electricians, and plumbers from the church in Sicily took 10 days off to work to build and complete a second floor of the center which is in a castle in Germany. The center is being used for receiving refugees as they wait to be placed in homes and also destinations in Italy. They have shipped a huge Tent from Sicily to Germany for them to mount to help with refugee overflow. It will arrive this weekend. This tent holds up to 600 people. It is a huge package.

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VLADIMIR AND OXANA DICOL: MISSIONARIES IN MOLDOVA

- Believers and non-believing Moldovans are united in helping refugees from Ukraine. They help them with transport from customs to cities, housing, food and various other necessary things. Moldova is the poorest country in Europe and having over 100,000 refugees from Ukraine come through in the last month has everyone worried as their reserves are almost exhausted. They worry about running out of food and are praying for peace from God in people's hearts.

YURI SHIBAEV: MISSIONARY AND PASTOR IN RUSSIA

- Russian churches (like Yuri's), are sending money, food, medical help, Bibles and other necessities to small churches in Ukraine. They are praying for peace

STEIGER: PARTNER ORGANIZATION

- Bombing and fighting in and around Kyiv continues, and part of our team is still there providing a place of refuge in the city's Steiger Community House.
- Steiger's teams in Russia and Belarus are facing many difficulties. They are afraid and their future is uncertain, as jobs have dried up and financial resources have been blocked due to sanctions.
- The Relief Task Force has developed a strong base in Khmel'nitsky.
- The team is now 70 people strong across the country, with about 30 in Khmel'nitsky and the others managing driving, logistics, and more in other places. This team is often putting themselves in real danger by delivering food and supplies to and evacuating people from areas

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of active conflict. They now have 15 buses engaged in the ongoing evacuation of children, the disabled, and the elderly in particular. Pray for their safety and protection, wisdom, and supernatural

- They have received about 50 tons of humanitarian aid all together and distributed about 40.
- They have evacuated 3,018 people from war zones and bomb shelters and connected about 10,000 people with shelter.
- Recently, the team brought medical supplies to a hospital, along with a couple of boxes full of copies of the Gospel of Mark. The people who received the supplies were so overwhelmed and grateful to receive the Gospels that they started crying. They said that was exactly what they needed and what their souls were asking for! (picture called Steiger Gospel of Mark).

LONEL AND SERINA ZAHARIE - MISSIONARIES IN ROMANIA

- Their national office in Bucharest has arranged for 50 beds for refugees, they help with getting legal papers, food, transportation, evangelism and counseling. In their city of Sibiu they have only a few refugees but are preparing for more in the future as cities are over their capacities.

MIHAIL AND TATIANA NESTEROV: MISSIONARIES IN MOLDOVA

- Mihail and Tatiana are CRU missionaries, helping drive people back and forth, serve food, clean, assist with documents, buy tickets, ect. Mihail brings his guitar and they print short prayers and bible verses to read and sing with the refugees. The love of Jesus is constantly shared. Tatiana tirelessly opens the doors of her home to care for people and does so with joy. They care for more than 200 people a day.

