



## Update #19: 30th September - 7th October

You can find all the information about our appeal, the work being done, articles and video updates on the [Ukraine Appeal section of our website](#).

If you don't already receive these updates directly, and would like to, please [click here](#). Also, if you would like to get more frequent but short message updates via WhatsApp, you can subscribe [here](#).



**Please join us on Monday 24th October 1900-2000 BST for a prayer meeting for Ukraine over [Zoom](#).**

As the war continues, the cold winter draws near, and the number of displaced people in Ukraine continues to be over 6 million, we would like to encourage you to pray earnestly for Ukraine.

We're hoping to be joined by workers directly involved in supporting needy Ukrainian people, to inform our prayers, God willing.



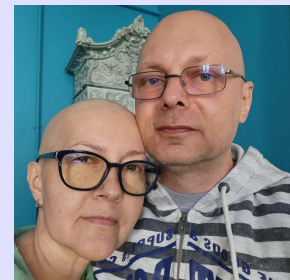
Thank you again to everyone who has donated, and to those who have donated again in response to our recent appeal. Your donations have enabled many brothers and sisters in Ukraine and beyond to continue steadfastly to help refugees and displaced people. And as people see the sacrificial service of evangelical Christians, gospel opportunities abound as never before. But the need continues to be so great, as winter approaches.



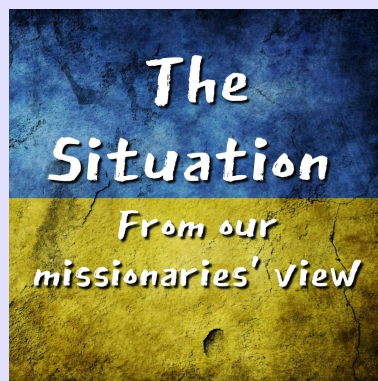
*Vitalii Mariash now in active service*

Please do continue to pray for [Vitalii Mariash](#). He managed to call us last week, and he said, "We are very near the front line. Recently one soldier I left for a short time in a trench was killed. I was shocked for few days." There are very few Christians in his unit, and he is greatly missing Christian fellowship.

Please also continue to pray for **Andrii & Yolanta Kaustov**. Andrii has had to go to A&E twice because of adverse reactions to his treatment, but he let us know that his recent tests showed that the tumour had decreased but was still active, so he will have to continue his chemotherapy. Yolanta should hear her results at the end of the month.



*Andrii & Yolanta Kaustov*



A few weeks ago, we shared a report from our brother Evgenii Lvov and the friends in the Baburka Baptist Church in Zaporizhzhia, whom we've been supporting. The city has been much in the news recently, both with the nearby nuclear power station and with the recent missile attacks.

We spoke again to Evgenii last week to get an update, and to ask how we should pray and better support them. They continue to see over 1,000 refugees per day, on average, coming through the city from the warzone and occupied areas. With the Russian annexation and threats to recruit Ukrainian people into their army, the number increased for a period to 1,800 per day.

In recent weeks the city has been under constant missile attack from nearby Russian forces. Typically, 10-20 missiles strike per day, which Evgenii believes to be the terrifying C300 or Iskander missiles.

On 30th September, an aid convoy travelling into the occupied areas was attacked, killing 30 people and injuring 88. And on 6th October, 7

## How can we pray?



- Thank the Lord for those who labour for the gospel and to help people in Ukraine. And for His protection thus far.
- Pray for the salvation of many people, not only Ukrainians, but Russians and Belarusians.
- Pray for Christian workers, for their safety and strength, and that their basic needs would be met.
- Pray for an end to the war and suffering, if that is His will.

missiles were launched into the centre of the city at 5 am, killing several people.

But it is astonishing to hear Evgenii's graciousness and courage as he asks us not only to pray for Ukrainians, but also Russians and Belarusians. Do spend a few minutes listening to this short video, to inform your prayers.

*Evgenii Lvov, who is a Bible teacher in the Zaporozhya Bible Seminary, and member of the Baburka Baptist Church, shares their prayer needs with us.*

As we assess how best to make use of the funds you have entrusted to us, we would appreciate your prayer that we would use these wisely. The workers we support in the region provide invaluable guidance in this respect, combined with information from different agencies. [One recent report](#) estimated there to be 6.2 million internally displaced people, even though a further 6 million had returned to their homes. Amongst the displaced people:

- The locations with the highest number of displaced people were Dnipro and Kyiv.
- Over 50% had need of further financial support - struggling to pay for food, healthcare and heating.
- 39% could not afford to pay for heating, and 21% were living in housing unsuitable for living in the Winter.

The needs in the country continue to be great!

***Please do pray for evangelical churches seeking to support needy people in Ukraine, both with humanitarian support, but also in sharing the gospel. Pray that the Lord will raise up more evangelical Christian workers with a heart for the gospel, to serve in Ukraine.***



#### **Donations Received (as of 9th September):**

£1,140,716 has been received since the start of the appeal.

#### **Funds Disbursed:**

£929,952 has been disbursed since the start of the appeal.

69% to Ukraine

21% to Moldova

6% to Poland

3% to Romania

1% for across Italy, Hungary, Spain and literature from UK

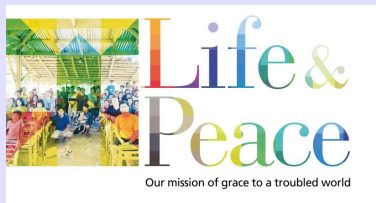
We are currently giving direct regular support to 13 evangelical churches across Ukraine, Moldova, Poland and Romania, and others on an as-needed basis. But some of this support is also channelled to other churches, particularly in the warzone. In some cases, we are also providing support to particular families, to enable them to support the work of their church.

We are also planning to supply larger quantities of Bibles and New Testaments in the coming days, as many churches are asking for literature to share with people seeking the Lord. We now believe we can supply these from within Ukraine, via the Ukrainian Bible Society, at reasonable cost.

**For more details of how we are working to make effective use of the generous donations entrusted to us, please [click here](#).**

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If you're able to come to the [Grace Baptist Mission Annual Mission Day](#) we've been kindly invited to lead a seminar on Ukraine as part of the day. We're even hoping that Volodia Kostyshyn may be able to come over for this event, if he can get his visa in time.

If you are able to join us, we'd love to see you there.

**Phil Dunn**  
(EMF Northern Ireland Representative)

**Martin Tatham**  
(EMF Church Partnership Coordinator)



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