

"as many as were willing hearted" - Ex. 35:22

Merry Christmas to all! Yes the war rages but we managed to have sweet church services regardless of the air raid sirens blaring from incoming Russian rockets. The past few months have been hectic! Gospel Food Bags: since partnering with Samaritan's Purse to receive food shipments, we're no longer burning thru vast amounts of funds & fuel trying to get food for folks out east here where the war still rages wide open. We collate the humanitarian supplies and add our Bibles with our contact information into bags averaging 15+lbs each. We have unloaded by hand, sorted, bagged & daily loaded vehicles by hand over 130,000lbs of humanitarian supplies, allowing us to reach over 8,600 villagers in newly-liberated villages south of us where the counter-offensive wages on full bore. We go into village after village searching for people and continue to be the very first humanitarian helped these folks have received after surviving 6+ months of unholy occupation by the Russians. The stories recounted to us by innumerable villagers paints the darkest, grimmest possible picture of atrocities and severe suffering. We are grateful to be the pioneers in reaching them with food aid, hygiene, medicines and BIBLES. Remember that the vast bulk of our church fled the invasion and we're left with but a handful to accomplish this monumental task God has given us! Many times we also take out elderly or handicapped villagers from these dangerous small villages, where there has been no electricity, no water, no heat, no food, no medical access since March. The conditions in which we minister are bleak and the suffering of these precious people crushes our hearts, but THANK GOD there is hope thru Jesus!! **As chaplain for the Ukrainian armed forces, I'm allowed to access these villages before any other civilian agency is cleared to enter. I continue to take medicines, med supplies and Bibles onto many bases and FOB's. God's door is wide open & we're going!

Cathy's Corner

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Our greatest need right now is FUEL and medical supplies. Each run with Gospel Food Bags costs \$40/vehicle. Each vehicle takes 80-100 bags (totaling 1,500lbs). We are awaiting to receive 2 new 4x4 trucks to add to our fleet, donated to our church by a major humanitarian agency. This means we can run 3 or 4 vehicles daily into villages with ZERO access to food or medical care, still without power/water/heating. That's pushing \$160/day in fuel alone, but that insures that nearly 400 souls will be reached with the Gospel daily. If your church or Sunday School class would like to sponsor some fuel, we could really use the help, diesel here is almost \$8. Special donations for medicines and medical supplies including hygiene items are greatly needed. **Drivers: we are attaching an application for drivers. Drive a stick? Want the missions trip of a lifetime? Get in touch with us ASAP. No drivers, no shipments. I'll happily explain elsewhere why we need drivers and not try to find locals, but rest assured, this is a genuine need and could use you for 2 weeks or 2 months, as you're available. Spiritual maturity, excellent eye vision, flexibility and teamwork are mandatory. We've also installed wood furnaces in villages as "heating centers" where the handfults scattered across the countryside can come find heat, food and Bibles. Loads of wood are \$300/each and up. Thank you for helping, supporting and praying for us these many months of full-scale war. We remain the ONLY church still operating out east here, the ONLY deaf ministry and quite often the ONLY chaplain for hundreds of miles. The calls from the military take me hours from home to locations where the men & women need counseling, helping them thru emotionally after coming across terrible war crimes, etc. Pray for them too!

Your missionaries in Ukraine - John and Cathy O'Brien



