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# Winter Project

This winter in Ukraine has been harsher than in previous years, with temperatures dropping as low as  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  in some regions. The situation is made even worse by Russia's ongoing attempts to completely destroy Ukraine's energy system.

In light of this situation, the winter project "Hope Heats Ukraine" provides a real opportunity for UBU churches to serve people in a systematic and effective way, responding to the urgent needs of various social groups. Through this ministry, not only is practical help provided, but the living power of the Gospel is also made visible—building trust in the Church and opening people's hearts to hope and God's love.

Within the focus area "Meeting the Basic Needs of the Affected Population," UBU churches provided comprehensive support, offering shelter, food, and humanitarian aid. Every act of care was accompanied by warm, personal interaction with those who are seeking hope, comfort, and compassion.

# Testimonies of Beneficiaries



Yuliia Suvorova, born in 1983, is a two-time internally displaced person from the Luhansk region. In 2014, she and her family were forced to leave the city of Luhansk and relocate to Kreminna, Luhansk region. With the start of the full-scale invasion by the Russian Federation, the family once again had to flee their home, and in February 2022 they moved to the city of Dnipro.

Yuliia, together with her family—her husband, two sons, elderly parents, and her brother with his family—found shelter at the Central Church of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in Dnipro, where they continue to live today. During this time, the family has not only received support, but has also become actively involved in the life of the church, helping and serving those in need.

Throughout these years, the church has provided and continues to provide the family with essential assistance, including food, donated clothing, and hygiene supplies. The family is deeply grateful for the care, open hearts, and support during this difficult time for everyone.



Serhii Prokhorov was once a businessman. He ran his own wholesale trading business, provided for his family, and raised a daughter. However, life circumstances have changed, and today 65-year-old Serhii, together with his wife Vira, 70, is raising two grandchildren—Heorhii (15) and Ivan (12).

First, the boys' father passed away, and more recently the family suffered another tragedy—the loss of their mother due to a blood clot. Since then, their grandparents have become the children's only source of support and stability.

The family lives in a dormitory where conditions are far from comfortable. Their only source of income is government assistance. Serhii has to take full responsibility for caring for his grandchildren and his wife, as Vira has serious health issues, a disability, and needs knee replacement surgery. Because of her limited mobility, she struggles with daily household tasks, so the main burden of caring for the family rests on Serhii's shoulders.

The family's financial situation is extremely difficult—there is not enough even for basic needs. At the same time, through the project they receive essential assistance, which helps cover urgent needs and becomes an important support during this challenging season of their lives.



The “Reconciliation with God” Church in Mykolaiv actively participates in supporting low-income families. One of their initiatives is the distribution of free “Peremoga” bread. In difficult life circumstances, this ministry serves as a reminder that the Lord loves us and provides help through the hands of others.



Additionally, low-income non-believing residents who find themselves in difficult situations, especially during times of conflict, can receive a hot meal free of charge four times a week.



Valentyna Torhahova has a son, Bohdan, who suffers from epilepsy and experiences frequent seizures, often spending months in the hospital. The family receives support from the “Reconciliation with God” Church in Mykolaiv in the form of diapers, hygiene products, food, and toys. Valentyna attends Sunday services and seminars. She also has another child—a daughter with special needs. The family continues to require attention, as well as material and spiritual support.



The “Jesus Christ” Church in Mykolaiv also actively supports those in need. They were able to help over 560 people by providing ATB vouchers worth 400 UAH each. Assistance reached women of fallen soldiers, the missing, orphans, children deprived of parental care, as well as large families.

This project brought many new connections and meaningful personal interactions. We pray that God will continue to give the opportunity to touch open hearts and be involved in the lives of people who are in great need of hope and support.

Lyudmyla Voitiuk attends the church, and her family is in a difficult situation—their home was destroyed by an enemy drone. Currently, they all live together. There is a great need for clothing and food, and the church actively provides support. The grandmother attends services, while the children go to Sunday school.



Olena Prusova's husband was killed in the war. Her daughter is still studying. The family has a great need for food. The church is open to providing support not only materially, but also morally and emotionally. Olena is grateful that there are people who genuinely care about them.



Yana Savchuk, a 43-year-old woman originally from Melitopol in the Zaporizhzhia region, shares her testimony:

*“Together with my son Dmytro, who is 20 years old and has had a disability since birth, we have walked a very difficult road. Before the war, our life was ordinary –work, studies, and caring for my son’s health. We were not a religious family and relied only on our own strength.*



*On February 24, 2022, our lives changed completely. We were forced to leave our home, and after a long and exhausting journey we first arrived in Stebnyk and later in Boryslav, where Dmytro underwent rehabilitation. Although everything seemed calm on the outside, inside I felt fear, despair, and deep loneliness.*

*It was in Boryslav that we met the people from the First Boryslav Church of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. They became a true support for us—not only through food and material help, but through genuine care, prayers, attention, and their constant presence. Today I can say that in Boryslav we found not just shelter, but a real home in the people. I am deeply grateful for the love, prayers, and support. Through you, we felt God’s love in the most difficult season of our lives.”*



Dmytro Kvasko from the “Bethany” Church of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the Chernihiv region shares:

*“I came to the Bethany Church on the advice of my neighbor, who herself began attending during the war. At first, I only listened and observed what was happening in the church. Later, I became interested and started attending services regularly.*

*At the church, I met many kind and sincere people who are always ready to help when needed. The church provided me with food and clothing, and also supported me spiritually.*

*Many things are changing in me—in my behavior, my habits, in how I face difficulties, and most importantly, in how I treat people. I now have hope and faith that I, too, can do good for others.”*

We express our heartfelt gratitude to all our partners for your compassion, support, and ongoing assistance during this challenging time. Your involvement and service are a living testimony of Christian love in action.