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Winter Project

The winter project enables UBU churches to serve various segments of the population in an effective and tangible way, thereby strengthening the authority of the Church and Jesus Christ.

During the project implementation, under the direction of “Meeting the Basic Needs of Affected Populations,” accommodation, food, and various humanitarian aid were provided to 105,649 beneficiaries, accompanied by testimonies about God and evangelization of salvation.

Testimonies of Beneficiaries



Volodymyr Skrypnyk, born in 1975, father of a 16-year-old daughter, who until recently lived in the town of Derhachi, Kharkiv region, shares:

“Due to the war, which brought destruction and danger to my hometown, my family had to leave our home and move to Kharkiv. Once in the new city, I realized that it would be difficult for us to manage on our own. There was no work, our savings were running out, and providing for our basic needs became a real challenge.

So, we arrived and stayed at the ‘Christian Life’ church, which helped everyone, including displaced people. The church assisted us in finding housing, provided food, and everything necessary for life. I am sincerely grateful for the kindness and care we received during this difficult time. It not only helped us physically but also gave us hope for a better future.”

Kateryna Khadzhynova, who lived in the now-occupied city of Berdiansk, writes:

“My daughter and I left occupied Berdiansk. Unfortunately, due to health issues, my mother could not leave and remains in my hometown under occupation. I find it difficult to put into words the pain of how the war has shattered our quiet and stable life, forcing us to adapt to a new reality.



At first, adjusting to life in a new city was extremely difficult. We had to find a place to live and then a job. Money was critically short, and we had to seek help. Friends told us that churches in Zaporizhzhia were actively assisting displaced people. That's how I first found myself in the prayer house on Hrushevsky Street, 219. I was not a believer and had never been to a church before. However, my first encounter with the church and the way believers help others left a deep impression on me.

We were told we could register and receive food aid. I was given a large food package that we stretched for a whole month. When receiving assistance, we mentioned to the registration staff that we were in urgent need of hygiene products. I was pleasantly surprised when a woman from the church later called me and informed me that I could receive additional aid. On my next visit, I was given a set of hygiene products and a new blanket. I was overjoyed! Some might think that an adult woman with a school-age child and a permanent job should be able to provide for herself. But the harsh reality is different! We are forced to seek help! And the work that churches in Zaporizhzhia are doing is of great support to us, displaced people. I want to express my deep gratitude to everyone who helped collect this aid container, allowing us to receive not only food but also hygiene products.”

Children's Ministry

Another focus of the project was ministry to children from low-income families, military families, families of missing persons, single-parent families, and others. A total of 42,596 children were reached by churches.



In the Zhytomyr region, the “Holy Trinity Ivanopil” church was able to serve more than 100 families, demonstrating the Gospel in action. Church members share:

“We hold regular meetings with orphaned children, children from foster families, children with internally displaced status, children from large

and low-income families, and children of military personnel. We meet with them three times a week, providing meals, education, singing, playing, and praying. There is also a special ministry for boys, as there is nowhere for children in the village to spend time after school.

The church has created a club for teenagers where we play board games, hockey, and football. We purchased a training machine and even organize overnight stays where we introduce them to the church and Christ.”



In Kirovohrad, the church also shares testimonies:

“Sunday school is attended by children whose lives have been scarred by war. Most were born and raised without knowing peace, some lost their parents, others survived the horrors of occupation, suffered torture, and lost their health. God has granted our small church the great mercy of serving these little ones, despite their complex characters and behaviors.



There were so many prayers, trips to supermarkets where children were caught and not caught stealing sweets and toys, negotiations with store managers, conversations with guardians, and prayers for them. But GOD helped!

The children now tell Bible stories, they no longer steal, and they pray. But this is just the beginning of their transformation. A particularly touching moment was when a 10-year-old boy declared that he wanted to become a preacher of GOD'S WORD. We continue to pray and serve."

Winter Project Impact

During November and December 2024, the project provided physical health support, psychological, and spiritual assistance to war-affected populations. During this period, 60,004 beneficiaries received aid.

A woman from Zhytomyr, with tears in her eyes, expresses immense gratitude for the medicine and all the help she has received:



“A year before the war, my husband died at work from an electric shock. The day before the war started, my eldest son came to visit me. When he heard the war had begun, he left for Bucha to bring his wife and child, but he never made it. After the area was liberated, his car was found shot up on the road alongside others, near a mass grave where his body was also discovered.

My younger son joined the army from the first days of the war and was severely wounded.

He spent a long time in hospitals and rehabilitation centers. Currently, he is unfit for military service, but due to lost medical documents, he only receives minimal financial support and cannot be granted a disability group.”

The Winter Project has also supported the operations of the Retreat Center, owned by the “Phimiam” Church in Lutsk. The premises were provided for use and management by the “Transfiguration” Charity Fund. Over the years of war, about 500 people, mostly elderly, have found shelter at the Retreat Center.





The “Phimiam” Church of Zaozerne also gathers within the center, consisting mainly of long-term internally displaced persons. Weekly, Bible studies, prayers, and Sunday services are held, attended by over 40 people. Several baptisms have also taken place.

Another significant initiative is the “Mobile Kitchen” project, which provides food to those in need. In January 2025, the project distributed:

- 2,111 hot meals in Kharkiv
- 2,026 hot meals in Poltava
- 2,063 hot meals in Zinkiv, Poltava region



Iryna Klymenko, a resident of Kharkiv, shares:

“In July 2023, I first visited the ‘Evangelical Life’ church, where I found warmth and support. This year, I was invited to meals prepared by the mobile kitchen. The church has become a place of spiritual encouragement, support, and unity for me. I especially want to thank all the ministers, sponsors, and volunteers of ‘Evangelical Life’ church who selflessly serve people during this challenging time.”

We sincerely thank all our partners who contribute to the implementation of these projects. They not only provide essential material support to those in need but are also a true manifestation of God’s love.