



Hands of Hope Feb 2024 Ukraine Update

Thank you

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for reading this newsletter

for encouraging us with messages

for all the things you do that makes this work possible

Today is the 2nd anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine in 2022.

Thank you to everyone who has donated funds to enable us to support the refugees and the Ukrainian people in the country.

In the past 2 years, Chris and Ruth have driven into the country twenty-six times. Sometimes just for the day, sometimes up to six nights. In July 2023, they went to Kyiv, Poltava and Sumy areas.

In the first few months of the war, the charity supported refugees as they crossed the border and fled to Romania.

In Ukraine, aid has been distributed to schools, orphanages, hospitals, homes for the elderly, churches, and individual families.

Currently, we support several families from Kherson. They all have children with

additional needs. Some families are still in Kherson or Odesa; others are closer to us in Ivano Frankivsk. Last year, Hands of Hope funded a holiday in the mountains of western Ukraine for all these families. It was so wonderful to see the friends spend time with each other. It was especially valuable for the families from Kherson and Odesa to have a few days away from the sound of missiles and drones.



Village School Project

We completed an IT project at a village school in Zvenyachyn, installing network and Wi-Fi components throughout the building. This work was completed with a team from the IOM and, not only allows the children better internet resources in the classroom but has enabled teachers to better prepare for lessons. The internet facility is also popular out of school hours in a rural area where normal mobile signals are weak.





Chernivsti Church

Chris and Ruth regularly attend a church in Chernivsti and have become part of the family there involved in many of the activities.

Yesterday they joined with them for a day of prayer and fasting. In the evening they were together in the church for a time of corporate prayer.

Many of the church families are refugees from the East, and many have experienced loss of family members due to the conflict.



Donations

Donations towards the work are essential and regular monthly donations are particularly welcome as it helps us budget for the year ahead. Bank details if you wish to set up a standing order or make a BACS payment are:

Hands of Hope

Account no: 12629251

Sort Code: 55 91 00

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