



UKRAINE RELIEF

PERIOD OF FOCUS
DESIRED OUTCOMES
PROJECT PRIORITIES
INITIAL RESULTS
AND NEXT STEPS

Standing with Ukraine - for Years!

WorldVenture's presence in Ukraine goes back more than 25 years. The fall of the Soviet Union created many opportunities for ministry throughout Eastern Europe. Great spiritual fruit came as a result of missions work in the region. And it may surprise you to learn that Ukraine has been sending significant numbers of missionaries throughout the world since the fall of the Soviet Union over 30 years ago.

In the minds of many, the invasion of Ukraine by Russia started on February 24th, 2022. But WorldVenture has been engaged in Ukraine long enough to remember when Russia annexed Crimea in 2014, including the years of warfare in the Donbas region since then. We recall the history that others have forgotten because WorldVenture colleagues were there when those fateful events occurred. And our plan is to be there long after this war.

After Russian forces are driven back, the dust settles, and Ukrainians begin the long process of rebuilding, WorldVenture will still be there... grieving, rebuilding, healing... and continuing to make disciples. We plan to serve alongside our Ukrainian colleagues and ministry partners for years to come, because WorldVenture values long-term, incarnational ministry.

This short booklet summarizes the vision that WorldVenture's Ukraine Relief leadership team has put in place to help Ukrainian refugees and come alongside Ukrainian churches, seminaries and faithful leaders to meet short-term needs and long-term goals. Some work has already been done. But there is more work ahead.

I invite you to join WorldVenture as we continue to stand faithfully with our ministry partners by supporting Ukraine Relief. And let's ask God to give our Ukrainian brothers and sisters the same comfort announced by the prophet Isaiah (61:3) for those grieving in Zion: **"to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair."**

Engaging the world for gospel impact,



Jeff Denlinger
President, WorldVenture



Ministry partners from Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary provide food and comfort to local Ukrainians in a wartorn location.



UKRAINIAN REFUGEE RELIEF

Period of Focus | Immediate & Short-Term

Desired Outcomes

- Local churches outside Ukraine meeting the needs of Ukrainian refugees in their communities
- Refugees moving from surviving to thriving
- Refugees who are already disciples of Jesus ministering to others

Project Priorities

- Providing food, medical supplies, and other practical items for those fleeing the war in Ukraine
- Providing finances for WorldVenture workers and partner churches/organizations who are caring for refugees
- Providing trauma care and trauma training
- Providing resources for refugees to be effective in mission

Initial Results

- Established initial refugee accommodations at churches in Poland near the Ukrainian border within hours of the Russian invasion
- Worked with Polish ministry partners to help provide meals, lodging, and other practical assistance to Ukrainian refugees fleeing the country

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UKRAINIAN WAR RELIEF

Period of Focus | Short-Term & Mid-Term

Desired Outcomes

- The Church in Ukraine empowered to relieve suffering and meet needs locally
- Victims of the war receiving tangible care and having immediate needs met
- Strengthening relationships between local churches and communities

Project Priorities

- Sending material resources to Ukraine
- Funding trusted partners in Ukraine to help those most impacted
- Providing evacuation and transportation of people to safety
- Casting vision for moving beyond relief aid to Kingdom engagement

Initial Results

- Warehouse acquired in a major city near the Ukraine-Poland border to gather, sort, and package supplies to send throughout Ukraine
- Food and supplies transported from Poland to locations across Ukraine
- Medicine and special medical supplies sourced from various locations in Poland and delivered to several organizations in Ukraine
- Funds provided to ministry partner in Ukraine to purchase a van for delivering food and medical supplies into the war zone as well as evacuating civilians from the war zone

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UKRAINIAN MINISTRY CRISIS SUPPORT

Period of Focus | Mid-Term

Desired Outcomes

- Strategic, trusted ministries in Ukraine sustained to continue functioning in spite of challenges caused by the war
- Seminary students continuing their training for ministry work

Project Priorities

- Funding strategic ministries that are affected by the war
- Supporting trusted partners needing help to continue ministry

Initial Results

- Finances provided to Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary (UETS) to prevent faculty and staff layoffs
- Strengthened partnerships with local churches in Ukraine
- Continuation of classes online and church services in shelters



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UKRAINIAN MINISTRY REBUILDING

Period of Focus | Long-Term

Desired Outcomes

- Strategic, trusted ministries in Ukraine empowered for new season of fruitful ministry
- Local churches, ministry facilities, and internal systems repaired, rebuilt, or reorganized
- The return of WorldVenture global workers to Ukraine

Project Priorities

- Assisting churches and ministry organizations that are trying to repair or rebuild facilities that were damaged in the war
- Financially and practically assisting ministry partners and churches as they reorganize or rebuild their internal systems disrupted by the war
- Identifying additional priorities to empower evangelical churches in Ukraine to continue sending and supporting missionaries throughout the world

Notes

- WorldVenture's Ukraine Relief Fund will prioritize organizations that WorldVenture global workers know, trust, or with whom they have previously worked
- WorldVenture Ukraine Relief Fund team is made up of global workers who are either serving in the surrounding region or actively connected to ministry partners in Ukraine, so that adjustments to project priorities and periods of focus can be made in light of new developments

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WorldVenture Poland global worker, Randy Hacker, shared this picture from the church he leads near the border with Ukraine. They've cared for countless refugees since the invasion. Supplies surround the pulpit. Bed sheets dry on chairs.

The word 'sanctuary' has two meanings: a place of worship... and a place of refuge.

