



HELP FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES - UPDATE #4

OSTRODA CAMP

At this time, 171 Ukrainian refugees are living at Ostroda Camp and 185 are dining in the dining room. They have placed 40 refugees in homes/apartments in the area. **Bartek Zdanowicz**, the Director of the camp, explains that the funds he has received from PCM give him the peace of mind that they can continue providing such good care for their guests. Please click here for a few words from Bartek:



Besides Bartek and Ania Zdanowicz and their family, we have a few other ministry partners who are working nonstop on behalf of the refugees at the camp. We thank God for these dedicated servants whose main desire is to share the love of God.



Oksana Bilous is a young Ukrainian woman whom we first met in Ukraine in 2006 when she was our translator at a camp for children. She studied linguistics at the university and dedicated her translation skills to the Lord's service. In 2013, God led her to move to Ostroda, Poland, and she has been serving in youth ministry ever since. Oksana has been the key contact person at the camp, receiving calls from Ukraine, coordinating drivers and pick-up points, receiving the refugees, and tending to their ongoing needs. Being fluent in Ukrainian, Polish, and English makes her in high demand. Her mother, brother and his family, and many friends are still in Ukraine, so her heart aches. She wrote, "I wish I could escape somewhere to rest, but my soul and my heart and my brain probably won't rest till the war is over ..."

Kyle Duba serves with Faith 2 Faith Ministries with a focus on youth ministry. Kyle is from Connecticut but has been living and serving in Poland since 2016. He has helped lead several camps in Ostroda and works alongside Oksana in ministering to youth in that region, as well as the ministry he provides in Warsaw. He has made several trips to Ukraine to encourage the youth there, so he also feels the emotional weight from this crisis as many of his friends are still in Ukraine. Kyle's organizational skills, familiarity with the culture, and love for the youth are a big asset at the camp.

Wojciech Poplawski is in charge of camp maintenance and upkeep. A skilled and dedicated worker, he is responsible for most of the wonderful renovations that have taken place at the camp over the last few years. He recently married Ania, his lovely Ukrainian wife, and they and their daughter reside at the camp. With the camp filled to overflowing, his work is never ending.

POLISH CHURCHES

To date, Polish Christian Ministries has sent funds to Ostroda Camp and to 22 Christian Fellowship churches who are assisting Ukrainian refugees.



Here are a few updates from six of our Polish pastors:

SANDOMIERZ

We currently have 5 women and 7 children in the chapel. They want to live with us. The children are going to school. It is no longer a temporary hotel, but a small home. In the

meantime, we have renovated one apartment in Ostrowiec. We brought some of the furniture from the chapel to this apartment. Now we are bringing a family with a child from the border and the mother is pregnant. They are believers. One woman with a baby will come this week. Next week we will try to adapt a house that was provided. It's a lot of work and we have little strength. Thank you for your prayers and support.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WEST (WARSAW)

For four weeks, day and night, our volunteers are at stations, borders, accommodations, at our coordination center, and now also in Switzerland. We are looking for apartments, we organize collections, meet people at the crossings, we arrange transport for fleeing people, and we bring humanitarian help to Ukraine. We organize food, clothing and whatever is needed for those who are with us. We hug, talk, pray. In all of this, we cooperate with the whole of Poland and partners from other countries. As of today, we have helped place 1,500 refugees. In this next week, we have buses scheduled to carry refugees to the Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland.

CHURCH OF CHRIST IN OSTRODA

We have a new priority - to help Ukrainian refugees - to find a school for the children, to register them with local authorities, to help with medical care, to find a car mechanic, etc. Last Sunday we had many Ukrainians at our worship service. We received 300 New Testaments in the Ukrainian language and it was a special gift for many of them. Now we are ready to organize an extra worship service for Ukrainians. In a house belonging to a man in Norway we now have 17 people: two men, 4 women and 11 children and only one toilet. We want to make one more toilet so we already started on that. There is a two-year-old boy named Kostia who has epilepsy. He does not walk, he can't even sit, but only lies in bed. Our church prays constantly for him and his mother, Tatiana, that she will give her life and heart to Jesus. We want to thank you so much for your open and generous hearts. Because of you we can do more, because of you we are stronger, because of you we can be a more fruitful witness of God's love.

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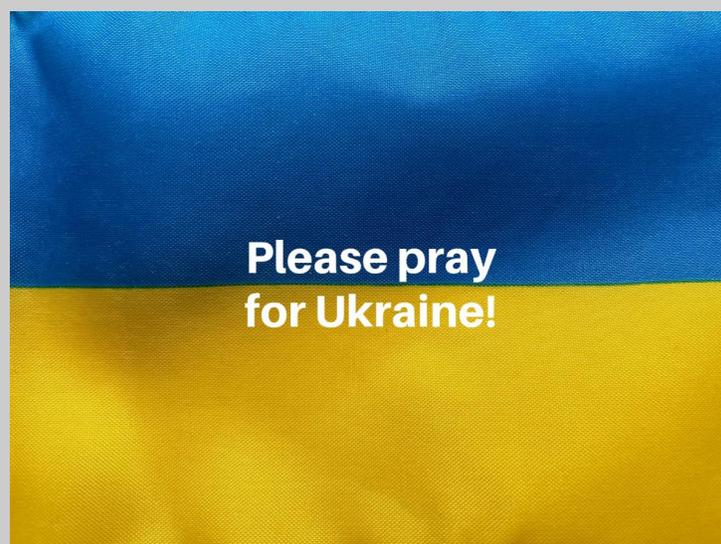
Our rooms serve constantly, already more than 40 people have benefited from our hospitality and help. Now there are new ones and they keep coming. One of the groups has moved to Wisla and yesterday we were able to visit them and were happy to see that they are doing well and dealing with the next challenges they face. We are super tired. It was a long and very good day by the grace of God.

CIECHANOW

There is a group of 23 refugees from Ukraine that are in our care. A very warm thank you to everyone for your help and support. We can do a lot when we work "TOGETHER" - Thank you!

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We now have two families staying at the church and three families in homes. Tomorrow I will drive to the border at Hrubieszow (500km) with supplies and on Saturday I will take food to Wisla to help the Ukrainian refugees there.



PLEASE PRAY

- Thank God for the many who have given financially and the many on the ground who continue to provide refugee assistance.
- Thank God for pastors who serve faithfully and exemplify God's love.
- Pray wisdom, strength, and endurance for the church leaders, workers like Bartek, Oksana, Kyle, and Wojciech, plus all the volunteers in Poland as they work tirelessly to assist the refugees.
- Pray for more housing options for refugees - cities such as Warsaw are becoming overwhelmed as the population has increased by more than 500,000.
- Pray for safe travel as buses carry refugees to neighboring European nations.
- Pray protection over those in Ukraine, both civilians and military.
- Pray for supplies to arrive safely in Ukraine for those in dire need.
- Pray for refugees seeking to evacuate Ukraine to find safe passage.
- Pray peace over the minds and hearts of displaced Ukrainian women/children.
- Pray for the war to end and the destruction to cease.
- Pray for the Gospel to go forth and many to find hope in the name of Jesus.

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