



January 2023

Thank you for standing with Ukraine in this time of unimaginable human suffering and total devastation and destruction.

Thank you to all our friends and supporters

We are so grateful for your support over the past ten months. As our partners on the ground in Ukraine have seen the needs of the suffering people you have responded generously; as we have become overwhelmed with requests for help you have sent messages of support and joined us in prayer; when our friends in Ukraine needed a place to live, you offered your homes. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Every month, on the first Thursday, we have paused and sought God and prayed for peace. Please join us, if you can, on January 5th from 3-4pm GMT as we pray for a just end to this terrible war and an end to the anguish of the Ukrainian people. Please contact the prayer convenor for the Zoom link: melanie@dniprohopemission.org



Thank you to our fundraisers

Thank you to everyone who has raised funds for us. Every penny raised has made a difference to the most vulnerable—such as the elderly lady pictured above with donations from DHM to her care home. Thanks to Jacquie, Tim and all at Epsom Baptist Church for their street collection and to Madeleine and all at Stoneleigh Baptist Church for the Christmas produce and gift sale. If you would like to raise funds for DHM in 2023 contact: jacque@dniprohopemission.org



'The Lord gives his people strength. The Lord blesses them with his peace.'

Psalms 29.v11

Thank you to Pastor Sasha



On Christmas Eve a team led by DHM ministry partner, Pastor Sasha, visited a care home in the Dnipro Region and gave gifts, essential supplies of insulin and pain relief medication and hygiene products to each of the nearly 200 residents of the care home. The trip and the gifts were funded entirely by your donations.

Please pray for:

All those needing medication—now in short supply and very expensive.

The residents of an orphanage for young people, several of whom are HIV-positive and who depend on a regular supply of essential antiretroviral medication. (Recently provided by Pastor Sasha using DHM funds.)

Thank you to Pastor Evgeny

Dnipro Central Church was able to host a party for seventy-two children on Christmas Eve. The heat and the lights stayed on! We are thankful that these children had a short break from the constant attacks by missiles, airstrikes and shelling.

Please pray:

For the millions of Ukrainian children who spent Christmas far from home, loved ones and familiar things.

All those children enduring a winter of hardship and fear—freezing temperatures, blackouts and lack of shelter.

That next Christmas will be spent at home and at peace.



Thanks to Pastor Serhii and Salvation Baptist Church



Our partner, Salvation Baptist Church, in Poltava is using DHM funds to provide a warm welcome to refugees fleeing the war. Here is the testimony of one family: 'We are the Dmytrenko family from Kharkiv region. We are thankful to the Salvation Baptist Church for their help, especially the warm sleeping bags—now the kids will feel warm and cosy....'



'Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind..'

Luke 15.13

Dnipro Hope Mission Family News



Dr Joshua T. Searle, who co-founded Dnipro Hope Mission with his wife Varduyi, has been appointed to the professorship for Missiology and Intercultural Theology at the Elstal Theological College in Germany. The family will be moving to Elstal in the summer. Joshua, who led Dnipro Hope Mission for several years, continues as a Trustee. Both Joshua and Varduyi remain devoted to Dnipro Hope Mission and the ministry in Ukraine and we pray that God will use this appointment to open up new opportunities and new platforms for us to serve the suffering and the most vulnerable of God's people in Ukraine.

Please pray for: Joshua and Varduyi and all those who have family and friends in Ukraine and family members who are refugees.

Earlier this year an aide from Lambeth Palace contacted Dnipro Hope Mission to facilitate a meeting between the Archbishop of Canterbury and representatives from the Ukrainian Baptists.

To find out more see The Baptist Times 5/12/2022

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/650234/_Justin_spoke.aspx.

The photograph shows DHM partner Pastor Sasha with the Archbishop.



Dr Daryna Boiko is a DHM partner and daughter of Pastor Sasha above. She, like all health care professionals in Ukraine, is working under appalling circumstances and every day she risks her life to save another. Pray for Daryna—stretched by two years of Covid and ten months of intense work in A&E dealing with conflict related trauma and injuries.

Please pray for:

Ukraine's health care system, under extreme pressure and stress with shortages of vital medications and equipment.

All those suffering illness and death because of disruptions to supply lines and those at risk from the emergence and spread of infectious diseases such as measles, polio, COVID-19, and other respiratory infections.

From the Board of Trustees

We are grateful to each one of you, our supporters and friends, for enabling us, with God's grace, to bring light and comfort into very dark places in 2022. Please keep us in your prayers in 2023 as we try to alleviate the suffering in Ukraine and support our pastors and partners as they offer compassion and love in this terrible time of war.

Pray for wisdom for the trustees as we make decisions about the future:

- ◆ How to prepare for the worse and increase humanitarian aid to save lives now.
- ◆ How to plan for recovery and rebuilding and deliver a shining message of hope.

Mark Allchorn (Chair of Trustees); Rev. Roger Martin (Vice-Chair); Reg Fowler (Treasurer); Gill Jowett (Secretary); Adebola Igbokwe, Melanie Gray, Margaret Murchison, Mary Raber and Joshua Searle (Trustees).

*We wish all our supporters and friends
a blessed and peace filled 2023.*

'Rescue the poor and the helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people.' Psalm 82.4

Thank you for your response to 'Operation Warm Embrace'



Since October 10th, Russian missiles have destroyed Ukraine's power grid. Most Ukrainians are now living without warmth, light, water or connectivity. Millions of people are suffering from hunger and cold and the more vulnerable are dying. The health system is unable to operate—without electricity there is no cold store for vaccinations or to preserve blood, no power for incubators, no mobile system to call for an ambulance. Our partners are trying every single day to respond to people's needs by giving out food packages, hygiene packages, medicines, power generators and heating stoves. Thanks to your generous response, we have sent out seven generators to our partners and a number of heating stoves.

There is much more to do and so our Winter Emergency Appeal continues (re-named by Joshua as Operation Warm Embrace) as our partners are giving warmth literally and metaphorically!



Giving

As this long winter continues, we want to be able to help our partners on the ground in Ukraine provide more support for the most vulnerable. We need your help to do this.

We are grateful for all donations to our **Winter Emergency Appeal (Operation Warm Embrace)**

DHM is an organisation comprised of volunteers and local ministry partners, we don't have any paid staff and 100% of your donations go directly to where they are most needed in Ukraine.

Please donate either through Stewardship or through a standing order or one-off payment to the DHM account:

Sort Code: **30-90-91** / Account Number: **68149860** / Account Name: Dnipro Hope Mission

Bank Name: Lloyds Bank

Please contact gill@dniprohopemission.org for a gift aid form or download it from our website

'Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone..' Gal 6.10