



October/November/December 2025

'Every prayer, every letter, every aid package, every act of kindness is a contribution to eventual Victory.', Oleksii Yuditsenko, DHM Partner.



Recently, Oleksii wrote: *'We really need your prayers and help. There is so much need and pain around. Help us in serving people.'* In Kherson, where Oleksii has been organising children's camps, distributing food, clothing, and medicines, the conditions are dire. The city continues to face relentless bombardment, with widespread destruction leaving most without basic services such as water and electricity. Despite these hardships, Oleksii shared that the children were able to laugh, play, and experience a sense of safety once again. *'Every day we saw their smiles grow wider and hearts open to light... and seeing them happy was our greatest reward,'* he reflected.

Our partners do far more than organise summer camps. They risk their own lives to remain a constant, caring presence for those in greatest need, delivering not only life-sustaining food and water but also essential social, emotional, and spiritual support.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who supports our mission through prayer and financial contributions.

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Vasily (Novovolynsk)

Vasily has been busy throughout the summer helping to evacuate families from Dobropilya. He undertook 3-4 journeys per month and estimates that he helped 15-20 families to evacuate including the little girl pictured. Some have settled in Novovolynsk, while others are in different towns. However, about three weeks ago Vasily fell and hurt his back. He hasn't been driving as much since then. [Please pray for a quick recovery.](#) He is paying rent for a building which will be used as a new church for evacuees in Novovolynsk. As an evacuee himself, he understands their needs and wants to build a church which can act as a reception centre for new evacuees and help them with varied needs from food to accommodation, adaptation, job seeking, trauma counselling etc. He needs to do a few repairs to it before the building can be used, including installing heating (for which he needs a capacitor) and also needs equipment such as tables, chairs etc. [Please pray:](#)

- ◆ That the men who help lead the church will not be called up for military service.
- ◆ For safety and protection as he travels to the front-line areas evacuating families as the Russians approach; to avoid drones, they need to drive at speed and are constantly checking the skies above.
- ◆ That he can make the repairs and equip the building he is renting for the new church cheaply.
- ◆ For his family as they adjust to being internally displaced themselves.



Margarita (Uzhhorod)



Margarita is continuing to run summer camps for IDPs and children with disabilities in Uzhhorod. 108 children took part in the project over the summer. She sent us this case study: 'Valentina is a caring mother of two girls: the younger one is four years old, the older one is seven. She raises the children together with her husband, who works almost all the time, so she bears all the main responsibility for her daughters. Valentina says that often she does not have even a minute to rest or recover. The youngest girl is struggling. She has cerebral palsy, which particularly affects the right side of her body, and most of

all her hand. Because of her disability, it is difficult for the child to move her fingers, pick up objects, and perform simple actions. However, participating in the 'Equilibrium Project' has been a turning point.

Thanks to specially selected exercises, working with horses, and massage, the tightness and stiffness in her hand was reduced and the hand muscles were strengthened. The girl began to pick up objects with her fingers and actively work with her hand. For Valentina, it was a real miracle, because for the first time she saw a quick and real improvement'.

Right now, Margarita is concerned about the winter. It was tough last year in the rain, wind and cold. She says: 'For three winters now, we have been walking in the cold and frost and in the snow and we have long prayed for a permanent structure. When it rains, the children themselves refuse to ride!' [Please pray as we work with Margarita to find a solution that is not too expensive. Pray for wisdom for Margarita. In addition to leading the Equilibrium programme, she is also studying Psychology of War Trauma on Children.](#)

[Pray too for more volunteers to support her work.](#)



'You have fed us with sorrow and made us drink tears by the bucketful'. Psalm 80.5

Mykhailo (Dnipro)

Mykhailo has been busy. Over the summer, he organised camps for 270 children and teenagers. Some are pictured here with Mykhailo. For one of the camps, he travelled 1020 km to take a group of children to a place where they did not have to listen to explosions and sirens. [Please pray for these children as they have now returned to Dnipro.](#) You can watch a video of the camp here:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1JD77wFRdg/>

He thanks everyone who gave to our Summer Camps appeal: 'We thank you for every penny we received from DHM. Your prayers and efforts made this a reality for them'. He is currently supporting churches and children around Dnipro and in the grey zone. (See also page 7)

Please pray for:

- ◆ Dnipro and the surrounding areas. The city has been under intensive Russian ballistic attack over the summer.
- ◆ A 'sister' from Mykhailo's church. She is raising 7 orphans. This family must leave Dnipro due to the war. Please pray for their settlement in a new location.
- ◆ A young father called Igor. He is a conscientious objector and has been sentenced to 5 years imprisonment for non-compliance with military conscription. He is going to the Court of Appeal. The family asks that 'God's will be done'.
- ◆ Mykhailo and the work of Dnipro Central Baptist Church which includes visits to soldiers on the front lines.



Yevhenii (Dnipro)

Yevhenii also had a busy summer in Dnipro supporting disabled and elderly people and the deaf community who meet in the church. The church held a summer camp using DHM funds in August. He recently travelled to the UK to see his wife and children who are refugees here. He is now back in Ukraine but hopes to return to see his family either for Christmas or in early January. Please pray for his travels, his family and give thanks for a growing partnership between New Malden Baptist Church and Dnipro Resurrection Church. The photos show the varied work of the church: preparing humanitarian aid; the signing group and the summer camp.



Yevhenii sends greetings to all at DHM and everyone who prays for him and his family.

Please pray for:

- ◆ Yevhenii's wife Polina and his three young children in the UK and the many Ukrainians who have been separated by this terrible war.
- ◆ Yevhenii and the work of Dnipro Independent Baptist Church this autumn/winter.
- ◆ The 3.7 million people who have been internally displaced within Ukraine and who will struggle to afford rent, food, medicines and utilities this winter. The total forced displacement is around 11 million people (IDPs and refugees abroad).



'Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever'.

Isaiah 9.1

Oleksandr (Poltava)

People in Poltava are concerned that the front lines are moving closer. They are also concerned about the shortage of accommodation for displaced people and have another project to renovate an old building and make it habitable. In September they started their 13th round of meetings where newly-displaced people are offered warm drinks, help with groceries, hygiene products and clothing and the opportunity to talk about their experiences with trained group leaders. They continue to visit wounded soldiers, support soldiers at the front and send humanitarian aid where it is most needed (the aid delivery pictured is in the Kharkiv direction). They are also leading support groups for military wives and a separate group for those who have been widowed.

Please pray:

- ♦ For Pastor Oleksandr and the varied ministries of the church.
- ♦ For the partnership between Dnipro Hope Mission, Guildford Baptist Church and Salvation Evangelical Church (Look out for the October blog post on our website to read more about this).
- ♦ For Pastor Serhii and his family now settled in Detmold in Germany as refugees. Please pray that his son Oleksandr will see a heart specialist very soon.
- ♦ For protection for Poltava and Poltava district as Russian attacks continue.



Sasha (Vasilkivka)

Pastor Sasha and his wife Iryna continue to be very busy and we ask for [prayers that they will both get some much needed rest](#). He is mostly at work in the 'grey zone' where it is very dangerous. He recently visited a care home for adults with a learning disability very near to the front lines with much needed medicines, dressings, hygiene products, shower equipment and sweet treats for the residents - all purchased with donations from DHM. He says, '*Huge gratitude to you*'. He is pictured with one of the residents.

Meanwhile, in Vasilkivka, the Russians have bombed three educational institutions; the church has also been damaged by waves of explosions, and the homes/businesses of at least three church members have been hit by Shahed drones. And yet this church was able to celebrate harvest with joy (you can see the video on our Facebook page). [Please pray for protection for Vasilkivka](#).

Sasha asks for [prayers for Viktor](#), a member of the church who broke his collarbone as he rode his bike to give help to a 'sister' whose business was also bombed. Sasha took him to hospital in Dnipro 120km away – in Vasilkivka there are no qualified doctors to perform the operation he needed. Another prayer request: [for Misha](#), the internally displaced builder who has been supporting Sasha with the 'House of Hope' - we believe he has been sent to a combat brigade. These assault troops perform tasks in the 'hottest' areas of the front. Please [pray too for Tanya his wife and for his brother Sasha](#) - it has been two weeks since he was taken away by the Recruitment Office and no-one knows what has happened to him or where he is. Ukrainian conscripts are reported as having very short survival times on the front-lines, sometimes less than a month, due to inadequate training and equipment.



'So be strong and take courage, all you who put your hope in the Lord'. Psalm 31:24

Sergey (Samar)

We give thanks that Sergey has received his vehicle from Germany and we are so thankful to everyone who donated to our transport appeal. Sergey says: *We are grateful to God and to you*. DHM funds have supported food distribution in Samar. Sergey's wife Valentina is pictured distributing aid here: *'Today we gave out 80 grocery packages. There are more and more people in need. With your help we do what we can'*. In addition to huge responsibilities as a regional army chaplain, Sergey is senior pastor of the Word Of Life church in Samar. Five people were baptised here at the end of August and the church held a picnic to celebrate.

Please pray for:

- ◆ Sergey's health (see p.7) and protection as he travels across the region ministering to Ukraine's defenders.
- ◆ Protection for his family – his wife and six children in Samar.
- ◆ Protection for all those living in Samar. It is an industrial city in eastern Ukraine and there have been many deadly attacks here. There is much poverty. As prices have risen, food and other essential items have become unaffordable to many.



Oleksii (Vinnytsia)

We give thanks for the 12 camps Oleksii organised for children and families and elderly people over the summer (675 people have taken part). Please pray as his team continues to distribute humanitarian aid in Kherson where it is increasingly dangerous as the Russians are launching attacks whenever they see a group of people gathering together. Please pray too for his colleague Zhenya, whose church was hit by a Russian missile strike that caused shrapnel damage to DHM aid packages. The locals use the words 'Human safari' to describe Russia's drone attacks targeting civilians in this area. You can hear directly from Oleksii here: <https://youtu.be/Mr7Ho1eLMcw?si=CIDqVEc2MDAYf76D> and https://youtu.be/DIbIApJ1C3Y?si=Xx5b_Nq8IKjeHHsE

The photos show the long queues for aid in war-torn Kherson. We think this is the church recently damaged by Russian missiles.



'How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, ...

Oleksii and the First Baptist Church in Augusta

Oleksii spent 10 days at the First Baptist Church in Augusta at the kind invitation of our friends Rodger Murchison (a member of DHM's International Advisory Board) and his wife Margaret (a trustee for DHM). He had many opportunities to raise awareness of the situation on the ground in Ukraine, to give thanks to those who 'stand with Ukraine' and to tell the story of Ukraine's pain. He is pictured here: a TV interview; billboard advertising (a first for DHM!) and speaking to a group with Rodger. [Please pray for him as he returns to the front lines.](#)



If your church or group would like to form a partnership with one of our partners in Ukraine please contact our Chair of Trustees, mark@dniprohopemission.org. The partnership could take many forms and we welcome your ideas and suggestions.

We are thankful for the partnership between Guildford Baptist Church and Salvation Evangelical Church in Poltava. We are incredibly grateful for the support given by New Malden Baptist Church to Yevhenii and Polina and Dnipro Independent Baptist Church and for the long-standing friendship between Epsom Baptist Church and Pastor Sasha and the Dim Nadiyi Church House of Hope) in Vasilkivka.

Oleksandr (Tsarichanka)

We give thanks that Pastor Oleksandr and his team in Tsarichanka supported over 500 children in summer camps and their children's ministry over the summer. Watch a video of the August camp here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGE8oa5kVbU>. Here are some idyllic pictures from one of the summer camps. It is hard knowing that the simple joys of summer on the river can exist alongside the extreme horror of war.



Please pray for:

- ◆ Oleksandr as he suffers frequently from back pain caused by several herniated discs.
- ◆ The safety and protection of these children and all those in Tsarichanka and the Mohiliv Care Home - just 100km from the front lines. Tsarichanka is in the Dnipro region - there are reports that Russian soldiers entered this region for the first time in September.

'...with sorrow in my heart every day?' ...

Front Aid Transport Appeal 2025

We launched this appeal in the summer of 2025. Many of our partners have vehicles which have covered over 500,000km and are in desperate need of maintenance and fuel to keep them operational. These vehicles are not just modes of transport; they are lifelines. Each vehicle helps deliver food, water, medical supplies, and crucial support to those in desperate need and our partners cannot work without them.

We give thanks for your generous responses. The appeal raised an amazing £11,282. We were able to deliver a vehicle to Pastor Sergey and to make repairs to several others enabling the delivery of life-saving food and water to internally displaced people and those living in the grey zone.

Sergey has sent us a video saying 'Thank you' which can be seen on our Facebook page.

Summer Camp Appeal 2025 and other donations

Once again, we are so grateful for the generosity of our friends and supporters. This appeal raised £7,160.

We are very grateful to many Baptist churches in the Berlin-Brandenburg region and also to several individuals in Germany, who helped us to raise over €6,500 for the summer camps this year. Special thanks to Oranienburg Baptist Church for their fundraising efforts for DHM. Thank you to Kidlington BC and Pinhoe BC (Exeter) for your donations and also to the Newton Charitable trust who gave £400 for the Equilibrium Project. These photos (and the one on our front page) are from the summer camps organised by Oleksii in Kherson region.



Serve with Dnipro Hope Mission

It is our privilege to support our heroic partners in Ukraine and to honour the courage, resilience, and determination of Ukrainians. If you have ever thought that you would like to do more, please do get in touch.

The need is urgent. We are a growing charity. Day to day, there is a lot to do, and we are unable to keep up with every request. We are all volunteers as we aim for 100% of our income to go to those most in need in Ukraine. (There are some bank charges to pay for currency conversion). We are looking for new trustees with a heart for Ukraine. We need people with expertise in social media, fundraising, and finance but we also need help with basic administrative tasks. Ukrainian and Russian speakers welcome.

Maybe you don't want the responsibility of becoming a trustee but would like to help? We need an administration assistant; a grants assistant; a fundraising assistant; a social media volunteer and a finance advisory group member.

Please contact mark@dniprohopemission.org for further details.

A huge thank you to two people who have quietly volunteered for DHM - Lucy who has translated for us countless times and Judy who does the final proof-reading of this newsletter.

'...How long will my enemy have the upper hand?' Psalm 13.2

Latest news and prayer requests

Sergey, an army chaplain, was travelling with some soldiers in a military vehicle that was attacked by a drone. To escape, Sergey had to jump from the moving vehicle and he's hurt an arm and a leg. He sent a brief message asking for [continued prayer for his health in general](#). More treatment is necessary. Sergey also recently suffered two concussions. Therefore, any opportunity to raise funds for Sergey's recovery would be greatly appreciated. *If you would like to donate especially for Sergey's medical treatment, please reference your donation: medical expenses.*



The Russian army launched yet another massive airstrike on Ukraine on Sept. 20, 2025. A missile hit at least one high rise building in Dnipro. One person was killed and 30 others were injured. Our partner, Mykhailo wrote to us: *'In Dnipro, it was very noisy from Friday to Saturday. In many properties, the windows fell in and walls and ceilings collapsed. There was a lot of smoke and fire. Thank God, all the church members are alive but some of their property was damaged. And yet, despite this, today the church and Sunday school are full. Thank you for praying for us and our country.'*

These girls live in the frontline areas. Each day, they endure the constant threat of missile strikes and shelling, and their lives are in perpetual danger. Our partners have worked tirelessly this summer to bring moments of happiness to over 1,500 children. [Please pray that all of Ukraine's children may one day soon live beneath a peaceful sky and that their lives may be rebuilt. Pray that Russia will not be able to continue the on-going offensive over the autumn months and that the war would not escalate.](#)



Photo from Oleksii.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Every month, on the first Thursday, we pause and pray for peace and justice. Please join us, if you can, on **October 2nd** from **3 - 4pm BST**, **November 6th** and/or **December 4th** from **3 - 4 pm GMT**, as we pray for an end to this illegal war for just peace for Ukraine. **Please contact the prayer convenor for the Zoom link: melanie@dniprohopemission.org**

If you are already on our contact list you will receive the Zoom link and prayer requests each month.

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

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