



“HE DEFENDS the cause of the FATHERLESS and the WIDOW, and loves the FOREIGNER living among you, GIVING them food and clothing.” Deut 10:18

PRECIOUS loaves of BREAD near the front lines

Dear friends, we all know how comforting and delightful the smell of fresh bread can be. Operating a small bakery near the front lines of the war in Ukraine can also be a valuable and meaningful way to support the local community.

Since basic necessities are scarce in these conflict zones, a bakery can help ensure that people have access to nutritious and comforting food.

To date, we and our partners have installed three bakeries in communities near the front lines. Besides creating employment through this initiative, it is providing life-saving food in regions without grocery stores.

Here is a note from Brother Andrey: “One of our bakeries informed us that during the whole time they have been working, they managed to bake about 2,500 loaves

of bread. This is our most productive bakery. If others produced about 1,000-1,500 loaves, the total comes out to about 4,000 loaves of bread. Not bad.

What is important about these numbers? What seems small and insignificant actually produces a significant result. It's the theory of small steps - it works. And the word of God also works. Two fish, five loaves of bread. And the blessing of God. Which multiplies something small to work wonders.

Everyone who is involved in God's affairs, like these bakeries close to the front lines of the war - sincere thanks! **These thousands of loaves of bread are your loaves!** Our thanks for participating in this project.”

by brother Andrey, a Pastor and HART partner



HOW HART IS RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS IN UKRAINE



Construction material for church repairs



Food production



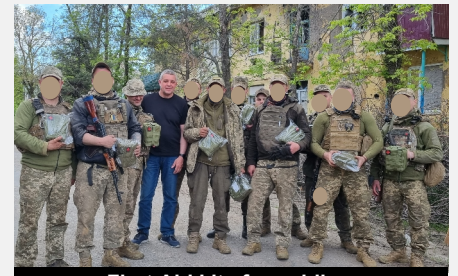
Drinking water



Medical Care



Distribution of food for refugees and IDPs



First Aid kits for soldiers



Summer camps for kids



Support for Chaplain Ministries

Together we ARE changing hearts, restoring hope, & saving lives during this crisis in Ukraine. Thank you dear friends.



The war in Ukraine has brought immense suffering and devastation to adults, children, and their families. It is so heartbreaking that Ukrainian children are being forced to grasp the concepts of "separation" and "death" at such an early age.

Dominika is a three-year-old girl who adores her mommy, daddy, and sister. However, her father now resides in heaven while she remains on earth with her mother and sister. Since the autumn of 2022, her father courageously defended the Ukrainian homeland and its people against the invading Russian forces.

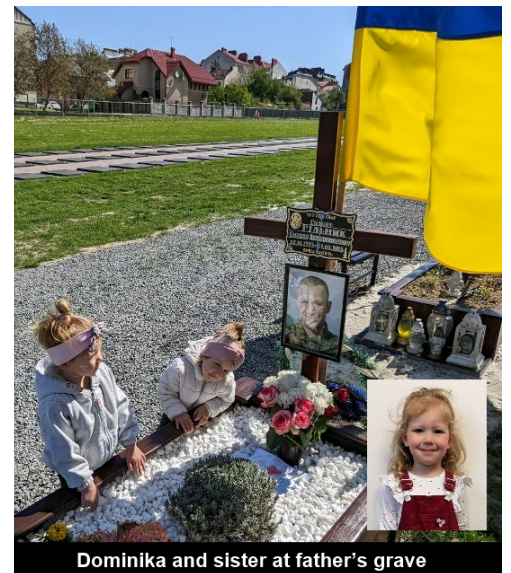
Tragically, in February 2023, a sniper's bullet took his life. As difficult as it was, her mother needed to explain to Dominika that her daddy, who had a deep and genuine love for Jesus, his family, and people, is now in heaven.

Months have passed, and this young mother is still struggling with the loss of her husband. Her daughters

frequently visit their father's grave, bringing him flowers.

At home, Dominika takes pleasure in kneading dough and making cream cakes, like her father did, as a baker before the war. Her mother says Dominika is always singing for her daddy so that he can see how much she loves him.

We often give something valuable or precious to those we love. As for Dominika, she loves colorful balloons, and she particularly delights in letting them go and watching them carried away by the wind high into the sky to her Daddy. It is her way of sending a message to him: **"Hello, Daddy, I love you."**



Dominika and sister at father's grave



Through tragedy, God has an opportunity to show His love and bring comfort and healing to those who are hurting.

I Will Build My Church...

Matt 16:18, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

One of the most troubling aspects of this war is to try to make some sense of the destruction and death that has engulfed the nation of Ukraine.

Yet, as we reflect on what has transpired since the onset of this conflict, and as we observe all the things God is accomplishing during these dark days, it seems that the message to us may be this:

Where there is tragedy, there is also opportunity for God to show His love and bring comfort and healing to those who are hurting. And He is accomplishing this through His Church and His people - both in Ukraine and North America.

The CHURCH will NOT STOP...

So, while the international news outlets may have stopped their coverage of the daily atrocities in Ukraine, the churches in Ukraine have not stopped and will not stop serving their country's people.

They will not stop caring for, comforting, feeding, clothing, providing medical aid, and sheltering refugees. They will not stop evacuating those in danger, and they will not stop saving the lives of the countless individuals affected by this conflict.

The Church will not stop sending volunteer chaplains to the front lines, standing in solidarity with Ukrainian soldiers throughout the horrors of war, sharing in their difficulties and risks, providing solace, and offering a message of hope during their darkest moments.



Churches are filled to overflowing during this war

The Church will not stop ministering to women who've lost their husbands in the war and face a daunting future raising their children alone. They will not stop visiting soldiers recuperating in the hospitals from horrific wounds, and they will not stop evangelizing Russian prisoners of war.

Most assuredly, HART's Community will not stop supporting these local churches throughout Ukraine. It is incumbent upon all of us to continue to provide the churches with the "tools" and the resources they require to accomplish all the things that bring honor and glory to God during this war.

Evil has not and will not crush the spirit of the Church!

Please continue praying for Ukraine and supporting the Church's extraordinary Kingdom-building work during this war.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Preparing for Winter

Last winter, Russia took aim at Ukraine's power grid to deny civilians light and heat and to demoralize its people. President Zelensky has warned that as winter draws near, the number of Russian strikes on Ukraine's electrical power grid is expected to surge.

Please help us to purchase, stock up, and deliver essential winterization equipment that will no doubt be in demand in the upcoming months. Below is a list of items we will need and have already started purchasing:



Matching GIFT Opportunities

We are happy to announce that HART has been blessed to offer **TWO MATCHING GIFT** opportunities for December. These have been provided by generous donors who are passionate about HART's ministry. Your gift will empower churches to meet the needs of people whose lives have been shattered by the war in Ukraine.

MATCH - 1

Until Midnight Dec 15, 2023

All donations DOUBLE

Dec 1-15, 2023

FOR:

UKRAINE CRISIS FUND

(Up to 70,000)

MATCH - 2

Until Midnight Dec 31, 2023

All donations DOUBLE

Dec 16-31, 2023

FOR:

WHERE MOST NEEDED

(Up to \$70,000)

✓ PRAY FOR UKRAINE

✓ PRAY FOR THE CHURCH IN UKRAINE

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