

ACTIVITY REPORT MARCH 2023

Christians for UKRAINE International Initiative

To Help Ukrainians Defend Their Lives and Values

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ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

With the beginning of a full-scale war, the Eastern European Reformation Ministry founded the Christians for Ukraine International Initiative in close cooperation with the God's Light Church in Lublin, Poland. It is a platform for various charitable initiatives to organize humanitarian aid and other relief activities for Ukrainians in Ukraine and Poland.

The Initiative tries to answer the challenges caused by the Russian war in Ukraine, and we plan to support the post-war rebuilding of Ukraine. We want to create a network of individual donors and organizations sharing the same vision. The vision is to help Ukraine survive Russian aggression and be transformed by the action of Christian values into a country with a firm Biblical foundation.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

On the last day of March, an Interdenominational Prayer for Ukraine took place in Kyiv. Christians of various denominations, including bishops, pastors, military chaplains, and leaders of inter-church ministries, gathered in *the Tabernacle of Living God* church. Protestants of various denominations – Pentecostals, Baptists, members of charismatic churches, Messianic Jews, Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics, and Orthodox were present at the prayer. The event was organized by the interfaith initiative *Christians for Ukraine*.







PRAYER BOOKS DISTRIBUTION

A month ago the work on our big project ended. The prayer book called *The Prayers for Ukraine and the Words of Hope* was finally done and printed. However, then, the main action started. For the whole month churches, organizations, and leaders from all around the country ordered the free books to distribute to those who would need them the most, both civilians and soldiers. In such a short period of time, 120,000 prayer books were sent! We pray God hears the prayers and Ukraine transforms into a free, blessed, and Christian country.

A CONCERT FOR REFUGEES IN FILHARMONY



Thanks to missionaries from South Korea, a *Love Concert for Ukraine "You Are Not Alone"* was organized at Filharmony in Lublin, Poland. Professional Korean musicians from the USA, and also Ukrainians joined their efforts to play and sing classical music, and Christian songs, and bring hope and a positive message to hundreds of Ukrainian refugees. They shared painful experiences of Korea's recent history and how the country through faith in God overcame them and became a blessed place that we know today.

A day after, another smaller concert was organized and the next day an evangelization in the city center took place with the participation of the musicians.





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THE CHRISTIAN OPEN ACADEMY

The common program of *the Christian Open Academy* was particularly interesting in March. We got an astonishing opportunity to take a look at the recent history of four countries – Israel, the USA, Poland, and South Korea and learn about the transformations based on the Bible that took place there, and study how their good experiences can be used in modern Ukraine.

The students of the Foundations of Counseling and Family Ministry examined the modern threats to the family, both in the global and Ukrainian context. On Community Development and Social Projects, we learned how the Church should serve in war conditions. And finally, on Society and Culture, we dived into the topic of Christian media presence, its importance, and specifics.

SUPPORTING UKRAINIANS IN POLAND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

March turned out to be a richly blessed and productive month for our key partner and co-founder in Poland, *the God's Light Church* in Lublin.

In the early part of the month through the congregants' donations, 40 boxes with presents and prayer books were made and brought to children in an orphanage in Western Ukraine. We shared warm Christian words of encouragement and prayed with them.







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Also, we guested many interesting people, including Mark Sergeev - a singer and youth pastor from Melitopol.

On the basis of the Church, many old projects continue, including the daycare, the charitable educational project, the Polish-speaking club, etc.

MEETINGS FOR IDPS WITH CHILDREN

On March 9 and March 14, for the 2nd time, three meetings with IDP mothers took place on the premises of *the Good News* church in Oleksandriia. The head of *the Charitable Foundation "Charitable Foundation for the Development of Christian Leadership"* Illia Vitchenko was present there. During the meetings, the question of how parents should respond to today's challenges and how to help children survive what is currently happening in the country was raised. A book that motivates parents to pray for their children was also offered. The events were visited by almost 200 people. After the meetings, food kits provided by another organization were given out.





VANS FOR CHAPLAINS

Due to Christians of goodwill from *Křesťanská akademie mladých* in the Czech Republic in March of 2022, we were able to pass 3 vans to the frontline to be used for evacuation and delivering humanitarian aid. After a full year of service, the cars had to be reregistered in Ukraine and one had to be repaired with what we helped.





Zoom Meeting



WEBINARS WITH TRINITY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

On March 29, the first monthly webinar of a half-the-year *Trinity International University* program in Ukraine started. The topic shared by Dr. Donald Guthrie was *Instructional Methods for Effective Learning: Teaching and Learning.* We had a great opportunity to help with some organizational and technical aspects.

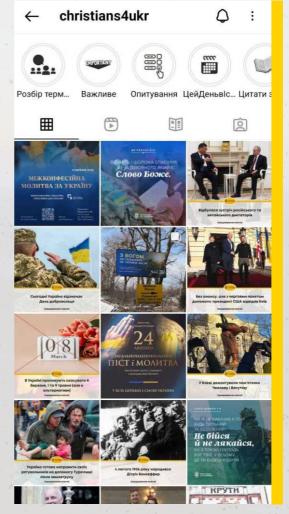
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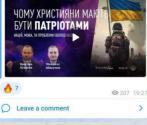
During March, *Christians for Ukraine* continued to cover the consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, in particular, paying attention to the problem of children kidnapped by the Russians, the continued support of Ukraine by European states, as well as the tragic death of a Christian volunteer. Also, we remembered the history of the Ukrainian volunteer movement, as well as the year since the battles for the Kyiv region and the liberation of Bucha. Our media ministry also published materials about important anniversaries in the history of Ukraine.

In March, readers could get acquainted with some world events that actualize the problems of the threat of abortion, feminism, gender ideology, and LGBT propaganda. Here, the discussions about the perception of March 8 and the lobbying of the draft law on civil partnerships, which are relevant for Ukraine, should be singled out.



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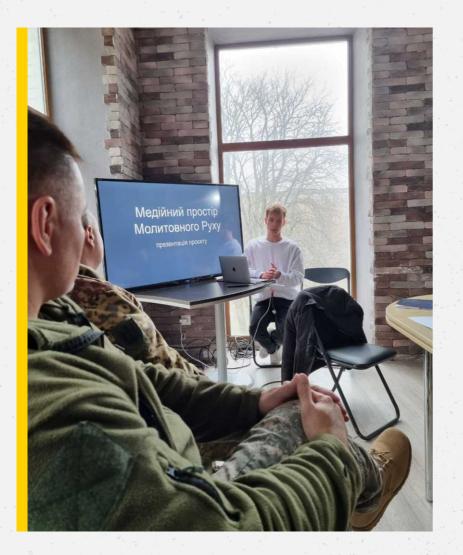
Ярослав Лукасик: чому християни мають бути патріотами – нація, мова, та ізоляціоніам І [®] РВ Подкаст #5 У цьому епізоді ми поговоримо з керівником Християнської Відкритої Академії (<u>https://</u> <u>hva.org.ua/</u>) Ярославом Лукасиком щодо актуальних питань у реаліях війни. Чи мають християнк бути патріотами? Що робити, якщо я живу в країні-агресорі? Що означає…





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BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE FUTURE

Once again the head of our ministry Jaroslaw Lukasik, visited Ukraine to preach at conferences, have multiple meetings, participate in the aforementioned Interdenominational prayer, and even visit the frontline. Also, of remarkable importance was a special meeting in Kyiv. Leaders from all major confessions joined it. There, further plans for *the Open Space of Action "Christians for Ukraine"* were made (including a prayer movement, an educational project for children, and a joint platform meant to mobilize the generosity of Ukrainians). Moreover, there, we had an opportunity to present our vision for the development of an app-like tool for prayers for Ukraine.



HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR US

Pray for Christianity to spread all around Ukraine, may God use us and all other Christians for His Kingdom. Please, pray for success on the frontline so Ukraine reclaims all the occupied territories. As always, we ask you to pray for peace and victory, for the stability of the energy supply, for the means of production in the de-occupied territories, for people to get through the winter, for our soldiers, especially in the places where the most violent battles are fought, for the students of the COA, so that everyone gets inspiration and strength for service.

Thank you to all who have been praying during these harsh months of the war. May God richly bless you!

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