



ACTIVITY REPORT
MAY & JUNE 2023

Christians for **UKRAINE** International Initiative

To Help Ukrainians Defend Their Lives and Values

A photograph of a man with a short haircut and a mustache, wearing a white shirt and a brown guitar strap, playing an acoustic guitar and singing into a microphone. He is wearing an in-ear monitor. The background is dark with blue stage lighting. The word 'ABOUT' is faintly visible in the background.

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.

THE CHRISTIAN OPEN ACADEMY

May was the seventh and final month of this year's *Christian Open Academy* program. We focused on leadership and the formation of elites, a topic more important in Ukrainian realities now than ever. We talked about the critical mass, dangers facing Christian leaders, and many other crucial issues.

2022-2023 COA's academic year was full of surprises and challenges but more so full of God's blessings and His providence. We studied through constant blackouts in autumn and winter. We worked with 98 lecturers. Every student had to attend 26 webinars and delve into 55 lectures and mentoring meetings, and read five mandatory and two optional books. We participated in numerous on- and offline events, prayed together, financed a documentary, a clinic for the psychological rehabilitation of Ukrainian troops, and put up billboards with scriptures on them.





ВІТАЄМО З ДНЕМ
П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦІ!

«Навчи мене волю чинити Твою,
бо Ти Бог мій, добрий Дух Твій
нехай попровадить мене по рівній землі!»

ПСАЛОМ 143:10

ХРИСТІЯНИ
ДЛЯ УКРАЇНИ



ХРИСТІЯНСКА
ВІДЕРЖА
АКАДЕМІЯ

PENTECOST

This year was no exception for a 7-day fast for Ukraine and our ministry. Many COA students from Ukraine and other countries joined our team this time. We prayed for victory, for godly transformation, for the future of Ukraine and Europe as Christian entities, we asked the Lord about Church, and naturally, we thanked Him for all wonders He did throughout the last 15 months of the war.

When the fast ended we celebrated one of the most important Christian holidays, the day when God gave the disciples the Holy Spirit - the Pentecost.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE

During the Pentecost fast a Third Interdenominational Prayer for Ukraine took place. A number of pastors and leaders preached and prayed for various aspects of Ukrainian life. We prayed for everything from the liberation of the occupied territories to just laws in Ukraine. As one of the preachers prayed, we believe that God is more powerful than the devil, we believe in the victory that has already taken place in Ukraine. We also stand on another words stated during the prayer: "We are all coming together today to support each other's hands. The rock on which Moses stood is Jesus Christ, our foundation!"



EUROPEAN

LEADERSHIP FORUM

In May a yearly large-format conference occurred in Wisła, Poland, *European Leadership Forum*. The president of EERF and two other team members attended it. Jaroslaw Lukasik had an excellent opportunity to present a speech and show a short film about the situation in Ukraine and our ministry and projects there. The reaction was overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to new partnerships, initiatives, and ways to serve the Lord together.





CHILDREN'S DAY

On June 1st, on Children's Day, we managed to organize a big event for over 200 refugee children and their parents. The celebration was a success and brought a lot of joy.

We prepared many interesting locations where children could have a fun time. Among them were face painting, a ball pit, karaoke, games, bubbles, fruit animal sculpting and bracelet weaving workshops, a survival lesson, an archery relay, chalk and foil painting, and even a fair. There was also a corner with a library where children and their parents could enjoy some time reading books.

The volunteer team, consisting of 34 people, including many teenagers, eagerly helped us. Thanks to your support and open hearts, we were able to bring joy and help 200 children to be children even in the horrors of war.

We are grateful to God that even in such dark times, there is hope.



SEMINARS

WITH PAUL COPAN

June was remarkable also due to Paul Copan's – a Christian theologian, analytic philosopher, apologist, and author – visit to our ministry. We drove him to Kyiv, where he held a seminar on the exceptionally important topic of just war, he also preached in two churches there, and after, we headed to Ternopil, where another meeting was conducted. We ended the trip in Lublin, Poland, where a talk with Q&A on the topic of *How Shall We Understand the Old Testament* was provided. All the events were organized by the *Open Space of Action "Christians for Ukraine" Initiative*.





READING BOOK MONTH

In June together with our Initiative co-founding partner, we held a book month. We expanded our office library, where anyone could enter and borrow some books ranging in topics from theology, philosophy, and politics to children's fairytales. We organized special book picnics for children, teenagers, and whole families. As Christians, we cannot allow ourselves not to read – the Living Word of God is in written form and we must study the Bible to grow in faith and be the people of the Lord as He intended. We also believe that reading many kinds of literature develops people, namely children, and helps us even in wartime, and will be of great use when Ukraine will be rebuilding on the Christian fundamentals.



MEDIA

ACTIVITIES

During May, [Christians for Ukraine](#) media resource published materials related to important anniversaries, in particular, the problem of the recurrence of the war in Europe after the Second World War. We also mentioned the days of remembrance of important church and national figures.

As before, *Christians for Ukraine* continues to highlight the consequences of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, especially those related to the crimes of the Russian army: shelling of civilians, abduction of children, and repeating the misdeeds of the NKVD. We also published materials about the daily life of Ukrainians during the war (both military and civilian).

During May, readers could learn about some world events that actualize the problems of the threat of gender ideology and LGBT propaganda in Ukraine and abroad and raise complex issues of religious freedom in the world.





📷 Фото рятування херсончан після підриву ГЕС

Цими годинами на Фейсбці були опубліковані світлини журналіста Стаса Козлюка, які допомагають краще зрозуміти кризу, в якій опинилися херсончани.

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Розумна Віра

ХРИСТІЯНИ НЕ ВИСТУПАЮТЬ ЗА ВІЙНИ, РІЧ У ТОМУ, ЩО МИ ПРОТИ АЛЬТЕРНАТИВИ — ГНОБЛЕННЯ ТА СМЕРТІ НЕВИННИХ. І В ТАКОМУ ГРІШНОМУ СВІТІ ІНОДІ ПОТРІБНЕ ЗАСТОСУВАННЯ СИЛИ, ЩОБ ЗАХИСТИТИ НЕВИННИХ. БЕЗ ЦЬОГО МИ НАВІТЬ НЕ ЗМОГЛИ Б ПРОЯВИТИ ЛЮБОВ ДО НАШИХ ДРУЗІВ.

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Християни для України
22 June at 10:00

Що змінилось в США після скасування федерального дозволу на аборт?
Питання абортів залишається складним для Америки. Рік тому Верховний Суд ухвалив історичне рішення, яким скасував федеральне право вбивати неморозданих дітей. Це стало поштовхом до зміни законів окремих штатів, які практично унеможливили легальний аборт. Наприклад, втілена принципу «закриту серцебиття» означає заборону абортів після шостого тижня, коли в ембріона з'являються ознаки серцевої активності. See more

GOODBYE ROE

Що змінилось в США після скасування федерального дозволу на аборт? - Християни для України

In July, the topic that we shed light the most upon was the Russian terrorist attack on the Kakhovka dam. This gruesome act left thousands without homes and many more without water, with many consequences yet to be seen. In the worst circumstances were Ukrainians on the occupied part of Kherson oblast where they could receive no help from Ukrainian or international humanitarian forces due to constant Russian war law-breaking shelling.

Also, we talked about the backlash against the pushing of pride month, other Russian war crimes, the persecution of Christians in Belarus, and many other Ukrainian and worldwide topics.

HOW YOU CAN **PRAY FOR US**

Please pray for the ongoing counteroffensive that it would liberate those who live under constant terror and horror of Russian occupation. Pray for peace and victory, for the stability of the energy supply, for the means of production in the de-occupied territories, and for our soldiers, especially in the places where the most violent battles are fought. Pray for preparing for the new season of Christian Open Academy so that the 2023-24 academic year would be even more helpful and inspiring for the service of hundreds of leaders. Thank you for praying for Ukraine and for your support during these unstable and history-changing times.



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