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TO HELP UKRAINIANS
DEFEND THEIR LIVES AND VALUES



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ABOUT

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The Eastern European Reformation Ministry was founded in 2008 and since then has been fulfilling its call to support the Church in accomplishing the Great Commission in times of historical transformations. It consists of two organizations – *the Eastern European Reformation Foundation*, based in Lublin, Poland, and *Christian Leadership Development Foundation*, based in Oleksandriia, Ukraine.

We work in the social, media, educational, and various other spheres. With the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, *the Ministry* got involved in humanitarian work and cooperation with chaplains.

During times of war, we try to answer both the basic needs of people by offering food and shelter, and also provide for spiritual and intellectual needs. We believe that spreading and promoting biblical truths about all spheres of life will help to transform the post-war Ukrainian society and country and help them stand on, be rebuilt, and be transformed on the foundations of Christian values.



THE CHRISTIAN

OPEN ACADEMY

On July 7-8, 2023, the *Christian Open Academy Forum* was held in Ostroh. Nearly 100 Christian ministers from all over Ukraine gathered at the *National University of Ostroh Academy*, a university that is a long-term partner of the interfaith educational project of COA, to receive accredited certificates of completion of the seven-month COA course, participate in discussions, workshops, joint prayers for Ukraine, get acquainted with the draft of the *Declaration on the Restoration of Ukraine*, visit the historical sites of Ostroh and the university, and more. After the main two-day program, students had an excellent opportunity to see the most renowned historical places of Ostroh city.

THE DECLARATION ON THE RESTORATION OF UKRAINE

On July 28, 2023, on the Day of Ukrainian Statehood, *the Declaration on the Restoration of Ukraine* was published by *the Christians for Ukraine Initiative*, which outlines the contours of current challenges, as well as the vision of the future for our country, which we strive for as a Christian community.

This document is an attempt to describe various aspects of Ukraine's development in the context of war and other internal and external challenges, and is an invitation to a joint and meaningful action of Christians to respond to these challenges within the newly created *Interfaith Initiative "Christians for Ukraine"*. The document is the result of the collaborative work of the members of the initiative group, represented by Christian leaders of various ministries and denominations.

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THE DECLARATION HERE



HUMANITARIAN AID

GEOGRAPHY

Together with our partners KFHI and *Food for the Hungry*, we continued to work on *the Provision of Relief Kits in Ukraine* project in the cities and villages of Kryvyi Rih district, Dnipro and Kherson regions. A total of 700 food kits were made.

From July 7 to July 21, volunteers of *the Word of Faith Church* distributed food packages in the de-occupied villages and towns of the Kherson region, and some of the packages were distributed in Kryvyi Rih, Dnipropetrovsk region. Church volunteers distributed the kits to people affected by the Russian-Ukrainian war. In the process of distributing the kits, volunteers took photos and videos of people telling their own war testimonies and about life after liberation from the occupation. It is worth noting that in some villages, the distribution of the kits was interrupted due to massive shelling, which greatly complicated the work.







THE REBUILDING

OF DESTROYED HOUSES

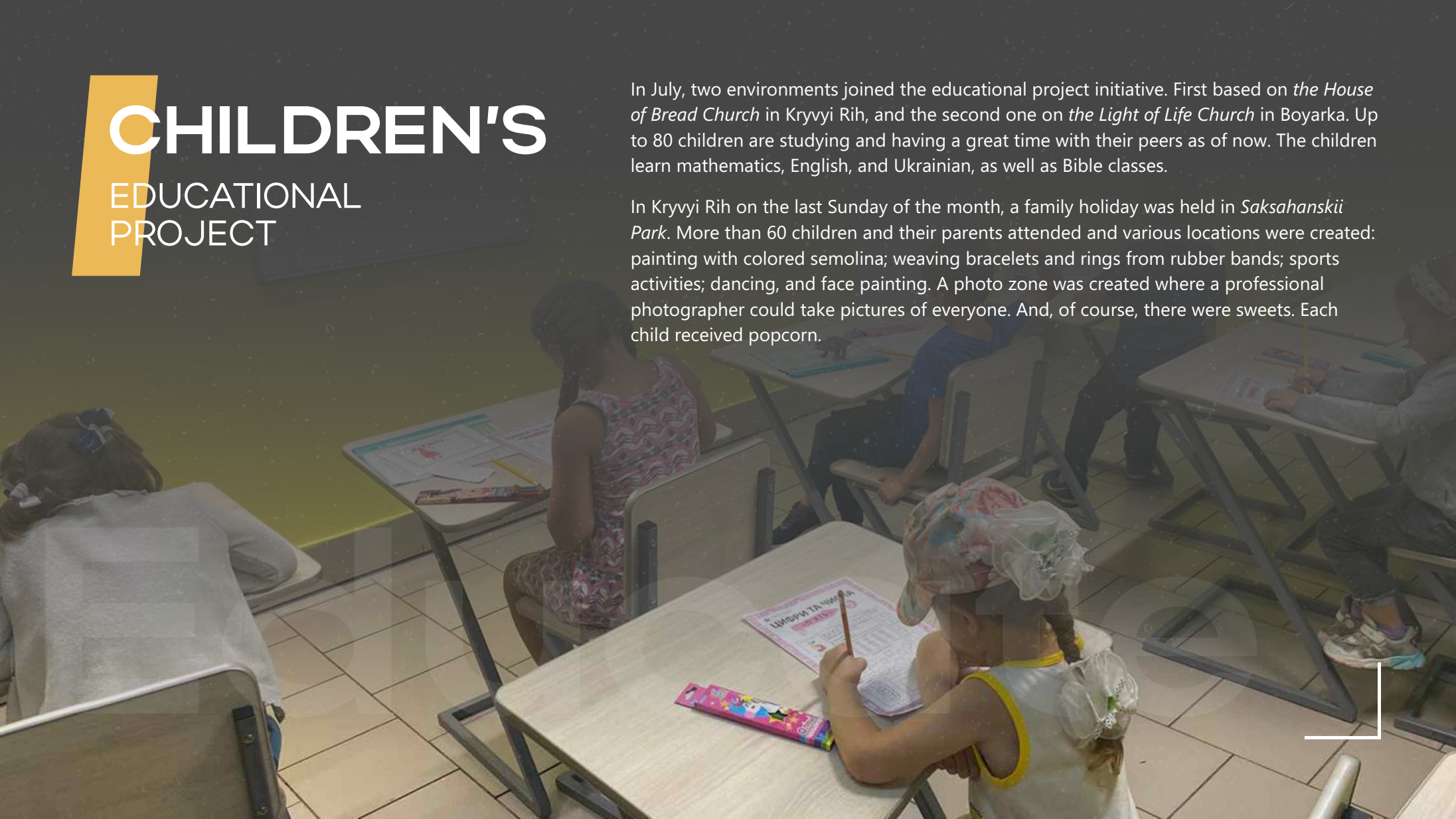
Some parts of Ukraine near the existing or recent frontline are severely destroyed. Thousands of buildings are no longer suitable for living. One important thing right now is providing shelter for those who cannot live in their own houses. Thus, apart from providing shelters, financed by *Evangelical Presbyterian Church*, we started a new project of rebuilding the destroyed buildings. In July, we helped to rebuild the house of a pastor and a father of five destroyed by the Russian shell.

CHILDREN'S

EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

In July, two environments joined the educational project initiative. First based on *the House of Bread Church* in Kryvyi Rih, and the second one on *the Light of Life Church* in Boyarka. Up to 80 children are studying and having a great time with their peers as of now. The children learn mathematics, English, and Ukrainian, as well as Bible classes.

In Kryvyi Rih on the last Sunday of the month, a family holiday was held in *Saksahanskii Park*. More than 60 children and their parents attended and various locations were created: painting with colored semolina; weaving bracelets and rings from rubber bands; sports activities; dancing, and face painting. A photo zone was created where a professional photographer could take pictures of everyone. And, of course, there were sweets. Each child received popcorn.





The volunteers from Kryvy Rih also organized a three-day camp in the Kherson region. The children heard the Bible stories, studied Ukrainian history, had a great quest, played incredible games, did many more fantastic things, and, most importantly, experienced the love of Christ.

One more camp was held in Boyarka. The basis of the program was the story from the world's creation by God to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through daily Bible stories, the children learned about the love of the Lord, which was expressed in human creation, and then in the death of Christ for the salvation of people. During the camp, the children could visit the stables, get to know various farm animals, and ride horses.

"THE UNBREAKABLE"

CHILDREN'S CAMP

July is the perfect time for summer adventures as children have finished their tests, and volunteers have completed their exams. Everyone has free time and enthusiasm for active and rewarding leisure activities.

This is precisely what describes our *the Unbreakable* day camp, which took place over three weeks, every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Each day at the camp was structured into few modules: educational (math, English, nature, Polish, history club), sports (table tennis, football, volleyball, quests, sports competitions), and interactive sessions (book club, culinary classes, life lessons, and Bible studies), and also lunch and snacks.





The camp got its name *the Unbreakable* as a symbol of the strength that God provides, helping us overcome life's challenges. Each day was part of a grand biblical journey, during which we learned about God's love and our value in His eyes. We also learned forgiveness, humility, obedience, wisdom, trust in God, ridding ourselves of negativity, and building our lives on the right foundation.

In the final hours of the camp, we held a small Ukrainian-style party with the parents. The children sang Ukrainian songs, a quiz was held, and parents and children participated in a joint candle decoration masterclass. In the end, each person received a little gift and enjoyed some treats.

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SUPPORTING

UKRAINIANS IN POLAND

We continue to work in Poland, helping refugees with shelter and education. God's work is prominent among the displaced during times of war and crisis. In July, we witnessed how five refugees got baptized. Some of them live in the shelters we along with *the God's Light Church* organized in Lublin, Poland in the spring of 2022. What an immense joy it is to see how children of God find Him even while far from home.



Християни для України

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Рефлексія Сергія Наулко: «І сказав Давид: "Не буду я стріляти в Голиафа, бо він мій ближній!" — віддав працю, відійшов на безлюдну відстань, і почав спостерігати що буде далі...» Васі

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MEDIA ACTIVITY

The media team of **Christians for Ukraine** has relentlessly shed light on the most important anniversaries, events in Ukraine and abroad. A number of articles were published on various topics, including how to support wives and families of soldiers, non-existent human rights in Belarus, and whether can politics be moral. Analysis of some pieces of art was published too, we also talked about the depiction of a sword in prominent paintings and a work of literature. We looked at how the weapons can be symbols of just defense and also those of spiritual warfare which is more obvious to Ukrainians now than ever.

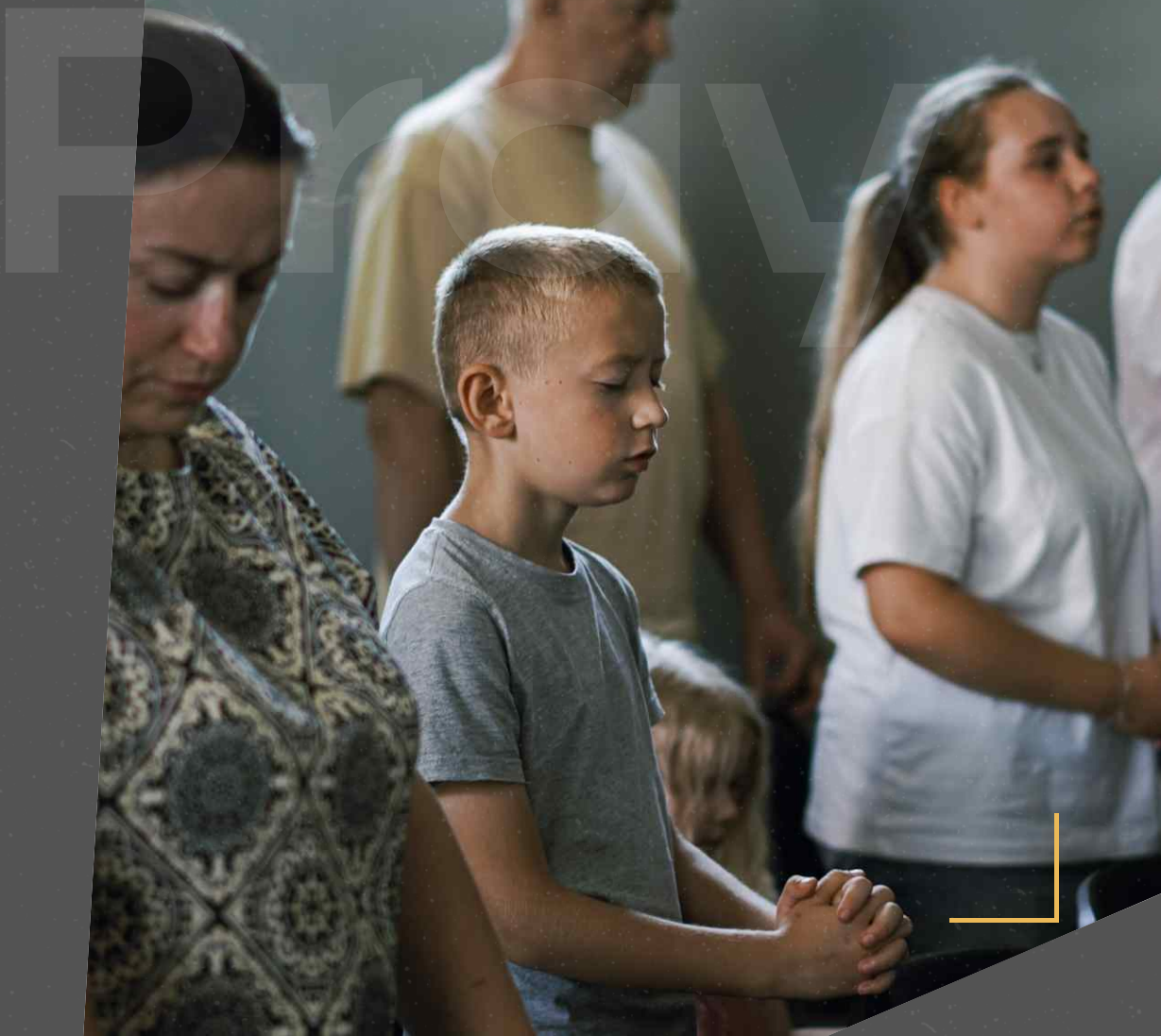
The apologetic ministry *Reasonable Faith in Ukrainian* has published original and translated content on topics ranging from the arguments for the existence of God to Christian politics and life outside the Earth.

HOW YOU CAN

PRAY FOR US

Pray for the bright future of Ukraine that will be rebuilt according to godly standards. Pray that the Christians will act together to be a blessing for Ukraine and their fellow countrymen. Please, pray that all of Ukraine is liberated and people will live in freedom and not in fear and constant terror. Pray for the next season of *Christian Open Academy* so even more leaders could be reached and then they can influence their respective spheres of work. 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.

Thank you for all your prayers and support amidst extreme and violent times and circumstances. May God richly bless you.



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