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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.

HUMANITARIAN AID

We have finalized the food project, where we distributed another 270 food parcels in Kryvyi Rih and in the de-occupied areas of the Kherson region. We are very grateful to our partners from Kryvyi Rih. Despite the fact that during the implementation of this phase of the project, one of the volunteers' house was hit by a missile, the volunteers continued their work. Our ministry continues to cooperate with *Korea Food for the Hungry International* and is preparing to launch new projects.







"CHRISTIANS FOR UKRAINE"

RETREAT

On August 22-25, in Briukhovychi near Lviv, a retreat for more than 40 leaders from all over Ukraine was organized. As the name implies, the topics covered during the days of our meeting revolved around what we as Christians must do now to help fellow countrymen and serve the Lord. We have discussed in detail the recently published [Declaration on the Restoration of Ukraine](#) and its implementation, talked about and planned further development of [Christian Open Academy](#), the children's educational project, and the prayer movement project of *the Initiative*. Moreover, on the last day, we had a seminar on the culture of generosity, which was particularly inspiring and useful in modern Ukrainian circumstances. Naturally, on the 23rd and 24th of August – the Day of Ukrainian Flag and Independence Day we prayed hard for the present and future of our country.



COOPERATION

WITH CHAPLAINS

Thanks to the generous donation from *Evangelical Presbyterian Church*, we continue to work with Ukrainian chaplains. The provided costs were used for repairing the cars and trucks used near the frontline by *Chaplain Battalion "Mariupol"*, to purchase video equipment for the *Christian Rescue Service* chaplain organization, buy humanitarian aid for people living in the hot spots, and more.

Chaplaincy is an exceptionally crucial topic nowadays in Ukraine, there is a big shortage of chaplains, and supporting them must be a priority.

EDUCATIONAL PROJECT

The children's educational project is now also in Dnipro on the basis of a local foundation and *the Victory Church*. The classes for the refugee and local children from Dnipro are drawing, English, math, preschool preparation, sand animation, art therapy, psychological support, and board games.

[The environment](#) is present online, so anyone interested can join it. Thanks to media presence, local people brought some equipment.

9 children were diagnosed by a speech therapist, and they are scheduled for regular sessions for the next few months.

35 children and their mothers visited the center. Most of them attend it regularly.

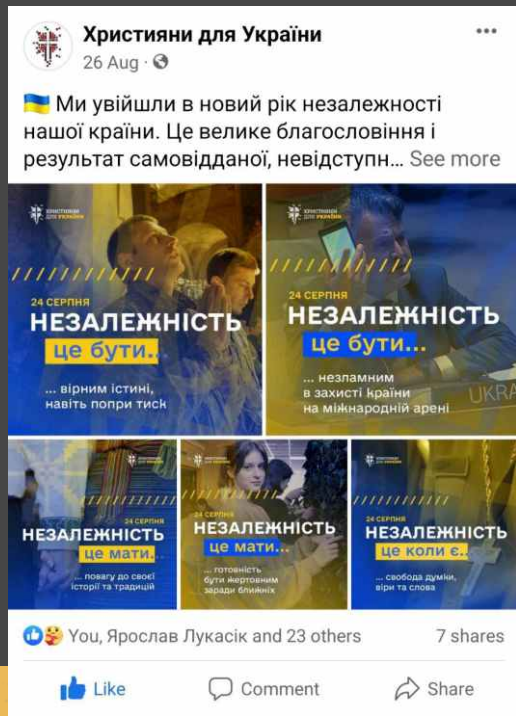
We recently learned that "word of mouth" has proved to work - new mothers bring their children to us at the invitation of those who have already visited us. Children leave classes with a smile, reluctantly. They tell us their little secrets and find new friends here.



TEENAGERS' CAMP

From August 2 through August 18, a refugee teenagers' educational camp took place in Lublin, Poland. We studied the Bible together and had math, Polish, and English lessons for three consecutive weeks. A big part of the camp was also sports games. On the last day of the camp, drove to the countryside, where we could play football, spend time together outside, have a barbeque, but most importantly, conclude what we have learned and share testimonies.





MEDIA ACTIVITY

Our [media team](#) relentlessly published articles, analyses, and news stories about the most important topics and events of the month. Among other things, we delved into the theory of just war, shed light on the persecution of Christians around the world, and remembered the Soviet evil policies and occupation of Eastern Germany and Czechoslovakia. Also, many internal historical and modern events were analyzed. In August, Ukrainians celebrate independence, thus, naturally, many articles, infographics, and other posts were published in regards to this theme.



HOW YOU CAN

PRAY FOR US

Pray for peace and the victory of Ukraine. Please, pray for the Christians of Ukraine so that the Church sees its mission and fulfills it. May everyone act in their sphere of work to the best of their ability for the glory of God and for the bright future of Ukraine. Pray for the Church on the occupied territories and for the de-occupation thereof. Pray for the stability of the energy supply, for the means of production in the liberated territories, and for our soldiers, especially in the places where the most violent battles are fought. Pray for the Ukrainian chaplains so that the Lord guides them in doing their hard work.

Thank you for your prayers and willingness to help. May the Lord be with you at all times.

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