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Eastern European Reformation Ministry

TO HELP UKRAINIANS
DEFEND THEIR LIVES AND VALUES





ABOUT

EASTERN EUROPEAN REFORMATION

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.

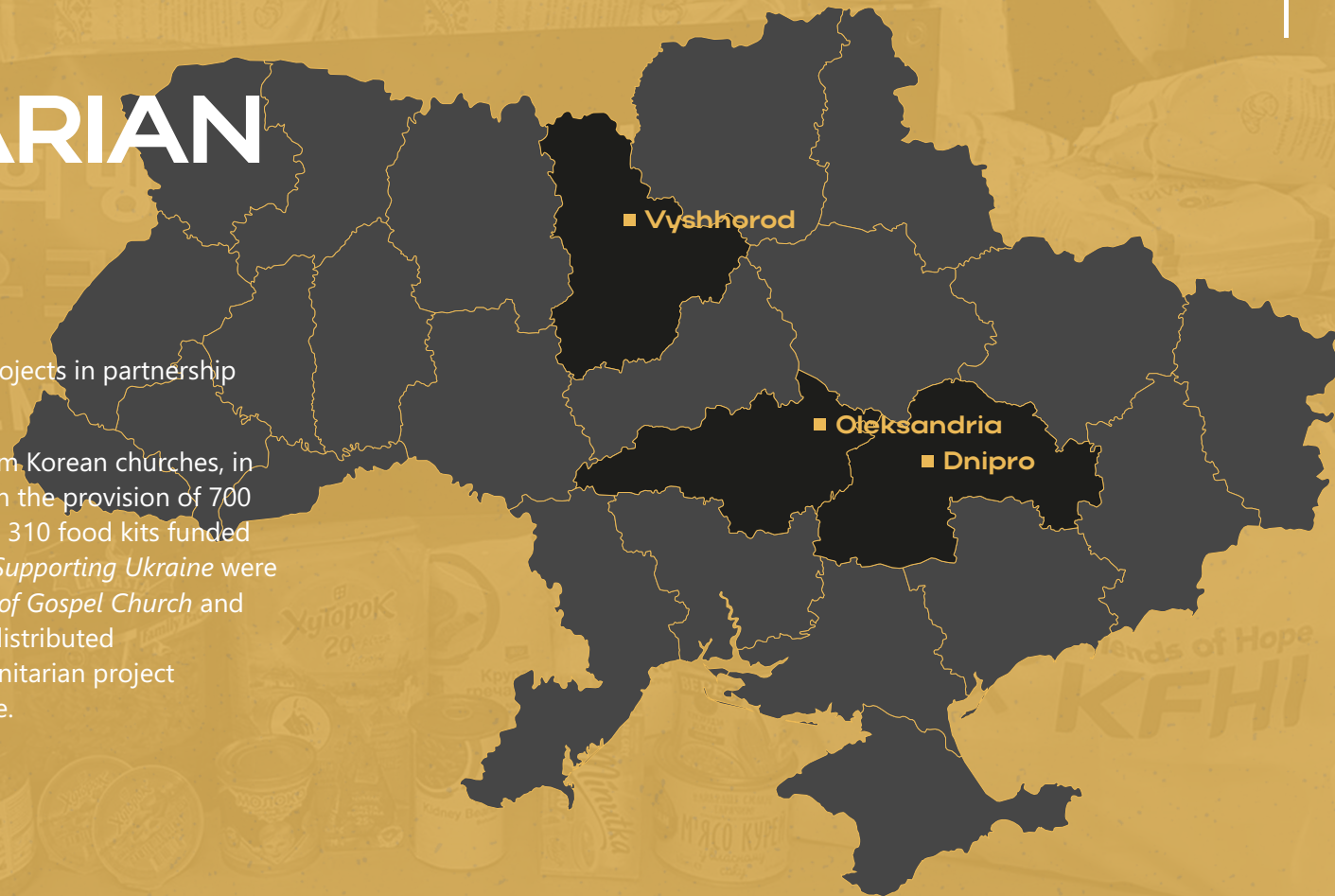
With the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, *the Ministry* got involved in humanitarian work and cooperation with chaplains.

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

In December, we conducted 3 humanitarian projects in partnership with *Korea Food for the Hungry International*.

The Hope Box Project, funded by donations from Korean churches, in partnership with *Good News Church*, resulted in the provision of 700 food kits to IDPs in Oleksandria and its district. 310 food kits funded by Wonju City and *Joint Action Committee for Supporting Ukraine* were distributed in Dnipro in partnership with *Light of Gospel Church* and Dnipro City Council. 300 more food kits were distributed in Vyshhorod, Kyiv region, as part of our humanitarian project with *the Church of the Living God* for IDPs there.



CHRISTMAS

— Christmas —

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. However, for the past two years, millions of Ukrainians have been forced to celebrate it in less-than-perfect conditions. Many voices have been raised to cancel the celebration altogether. This shows a lack of understanding of what Christmas actually stands for. Jesus was not born in a peaceful time, nor in the cozy, warm home we tend to associate with the holiday. Our Savior was born under Roman occupation in a stable - an environment far from comfortable or clinically safe. So our goal this year was to show people the true meaning of Christmas and how it is more timely now than ever.





CHRISTMAS POSTCARDS FOR SOLDIERS

Like last year, this time in Poland and Ukraine, a few months before the holidays, we designed and printed special postcards to send Christmas wishes to Ukrainian soldiers. We also made the designs available so that anyone could print them, write their wishes, and then give them to those who would be visiting soldiers on the front lines.

In Lublin, Poland, we organized 2 master classes for children on how to make postcards. They were able to create and sign them.

We do not know the exact number of postcards the Ukrainian defenders received, but we estimate that more than a thousand received Christmas wishes during this year's Christmas. We thank all those who took part in the initiative from different countries and the chaplains who made the delivery possible.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

FOR CHILDREN
IN THE DEOCCUPIED
TERRITORIES

For the second year in a row, *God's Light Church* in Lublin and our Foundation organized a collection of Christmas gifts for children living in the deoccupied Kherson region. This time we made it possible for more than 120 children to receive gifts with the most necessary things to keep them warm, and of course toys and some sweets. We pray for the youngest, who have to spend their childhood in the horrors of war, and we hope that the Lord will protect and guide them now and throughout their lives.





CHRISTMAS EVENTS

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS

This December we organized two big Christmas events for refugee children in Lublin, Poland. The first one gathered 40 children (mainly from large families, children of soldiers and patients with cancer or other serious illnesses). We told them the Christmas story, celebrated, sang, danced, played various games and had interesting competitions. About 20 parents had the opportunity to talk with our psychologist, a Korean lady, about children's emotions.

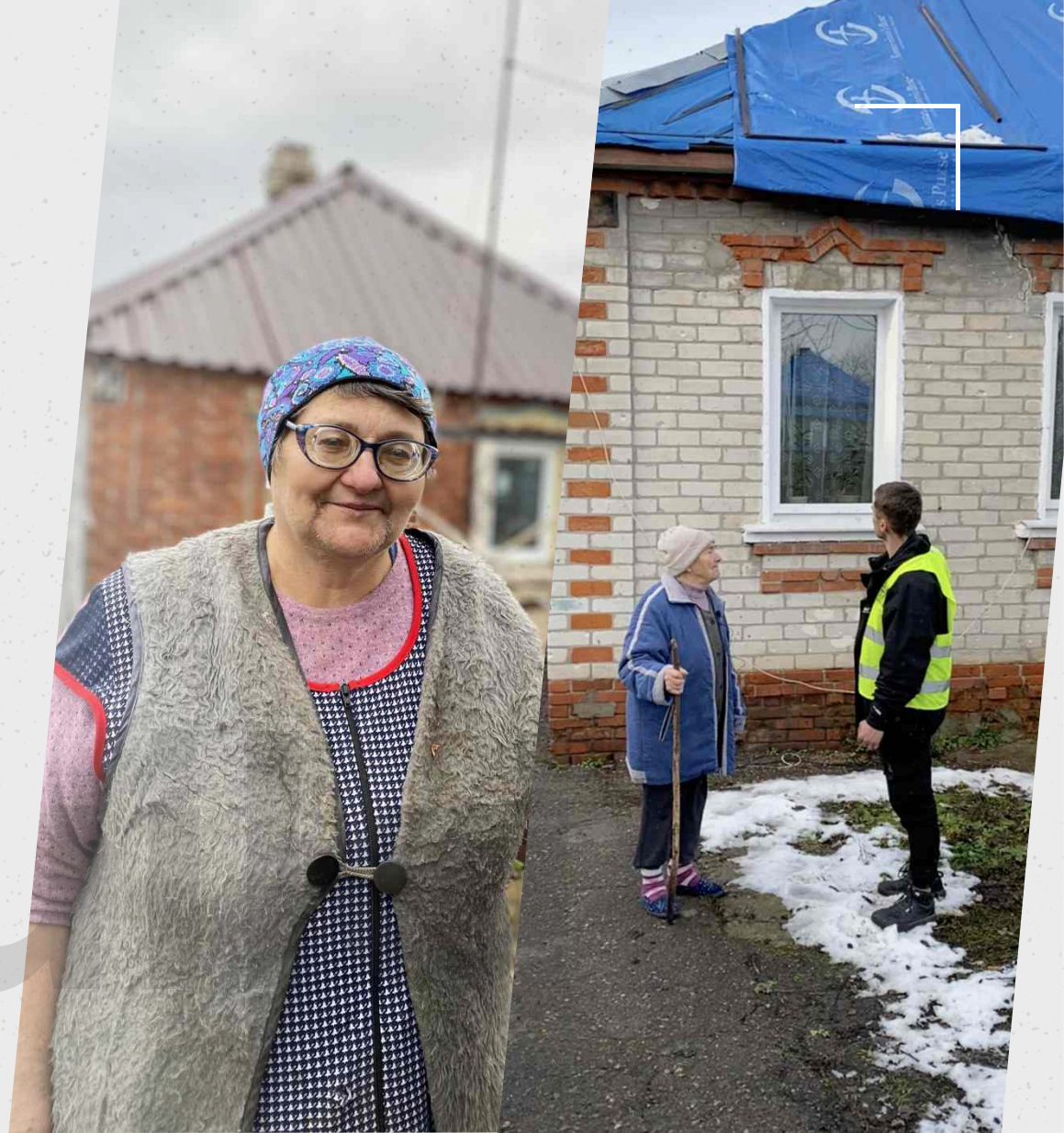
The next day we had a celebration for the teenagers. 29 teenagers joined us, many of them are part of our education project but do not attend church yet. The main theme of the event was the Christmas story with a key point of why we should choose Jesus. Of course we played games, sang and had a great time. We invited everyone to attend the regular teen meetings that the local church organizes.



REBUILDING

DESTROYED HOUSES

The rebuilding of the destroyed houses in the Kharkiv region continued and finished in December. 6 more houses were rebuilt in the village of Rohan. While rebuilding, our partners from *the Great Changes* organization brought good and Christian hope to the inhabitants of the destroyed houses. In the process of rebuilding, they talked about God, evangelized, and took an interest in the lives of people who were in a difficult situation, raised people's morale, and provided spiritual support to the people. To those who needed it, prayer books and spiritual literature were provided. Everyone was invited to visit a church in a village nearby, while the senior elders were asked to open a church in Rohan.



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АКТИВНА ПОСТАВА
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В УМОВАХ ВІЙНИ

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SPHERES OF AUTHORITY:
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CHRISTIAN
OPEN
ACADEMY

December was the second month of this academic year's edition of our *Christian Open Academy*. What began exceptionally well continued in the same way. This month we talked about the challenges of war and the Christian response to them. We hosted such renowned speakers as Paul Copan - an American author and Christian apologist, Gennady Mokhnenko - a prominent chaplain and father of 38, along with many famous Ukrainian lecturers, authors and social activists.

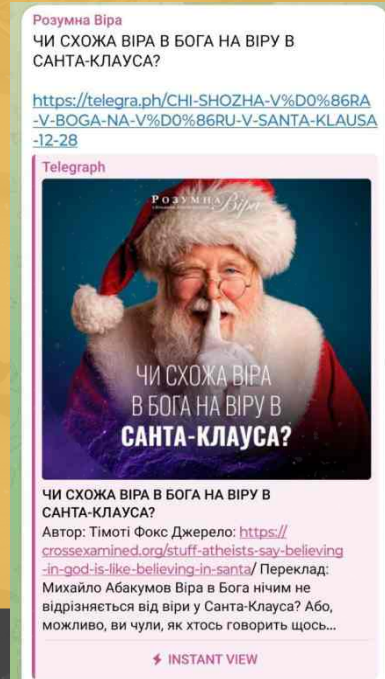
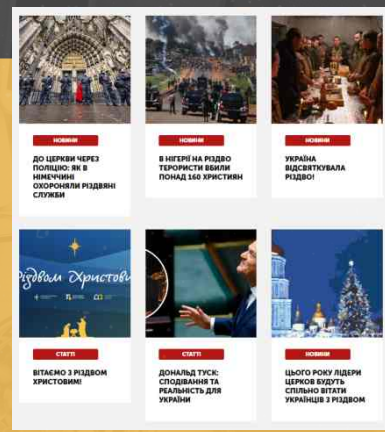
OUTREACH MATERIALS

In November we printed 10,000 apologetic booklets describing why Christmas is important for everyone today. The booklet says that God created everyone with a purpose, but people rejected Him, then the Lord sent His only Son as a remedy, and now we must accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. After only 5 days, there were no more booklets left to order! That's how important the Christian message is today. Our 300,000 copies of Pocket Prayers for Soldiers also ran out in a few days! We pray and believe that this initiative will help thousands of Ukrainian defenders in times of hardship, bravery, and sacrifice.



MEDIA ACTIVITY

December is a month when we like to sum up what the past year has brought us. 2023 was far from easy and pleasant for our country, but still we could see many times how the Lord intervened to save Ukrainians. Our media team closely followed Ukrainian and world events in order to present them from a Christian perspective and analysis. Among other things, we looked at public opinion and trust in the Church in Ukraine, new opportunities for pastors to serve, and the implications for Ukraine of the election of a new government in Poland. We also analyzed new controversial decisions of the Catholic Church regarding homosexuality and discussed the new migration policies of European countries.





HOW YOU CAN

PRAY FOR US

Please pray for Ukraine this winter. It has been unusually cold, adding to the already difficult struggle of Ukrainian soldiers and civilians. Pray for victory over the evil that has invaded Ukraine. Pray for peace and stability, pray for the future of Ukraine in these uncertain times. Pray for the Ukrainian church and Christians, that God will lead them through His mission and vision for them. Pray for our ministry, all humanitarian work, educational projects and publishing initiatives. Pray for the stability of the energy supply, for the means of production in the liberated areas, and for our soldiers, especially in the places where the most violent fighting is taking place. Thank you for continuing to support us and praying for Ukraine after many months of war!

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