



## Christian Response to Eastern Europe

So much is going on BUT we can make a difference.  
The REAL people behind the statistics.

The latest lorry was loaded on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and is now on its way to Ukraine. Pray that Zamfir will have a safe and trouble-free journey. His lorry was broken into and damaged on the way to the UK.

We give thanks for Hugh's safe return to the UK. He experienced road closures with a difference, a road he had travelled down an hour before was mined with a drone and so was closed! *The next time I am stuck in traffic due to a road closure I will be praying for Ukraine and the people caught up in this terrible war.* That evening he was also caught up in an air raid.

## Moldova

### Prayer points

- ▶ Unlike the UK there has been plenty of rain, so the harvest is looking good. We give thanks and pray that the people will have more food over the winter, this year.
- ▶ We give thanks that we were able to support the Summer Clubs and that they were a real success, a time for being children with fun, laughter, good healthy food and Christian teaching. The rest of their 3-month summer school break is spent in the fields helping their families.
- ▶ Many children cannot read or write and are trapped in poverty, like Alisa who is now aged 11 and has to care for her younger siblings, during the summer she received one to one teaching. We pray that this will start to make a difference on her life and for others like her.
- ▶ We pray for Katya (a single mother) who has taken Andrea (a severely disabled girl) into her home and heart, give thanks for the progress Andrea is now making. We pray for the many disabled children in Moldova, the forgotten.
- ▶ We pray for the work we are doing to provide the first special educational needs classroom in Moldova; progress is being made but it is slow and the need is great.
- ▶ We pray for Romir (12) who we found begging for food in Belti, we have offered help to his large family - there are 10 children living in two rooms with no inside plumbing. Dad works but cannot afford to feed his family or improve the situation. This is just one example of a family living in poverty.
- ▶ Many parents live abroad (where they can earn more) and send money back to their eldest children who then must look after their siblings with little or no support. Please pray for girls like Elina who is 16 and looking after her family.

- ▶ We give thanks for our partner churches who, with CR2EE's support, are able to minister both spiritually and physically to so many.

## **Ukraine Poverty and War – War is not a headline it's a way of life!**

### **Prayer Points**

- ▶ The number of dead and injured is increasing each day with little or no support for the widows or the severely injured soldiers once they leave hospital.
- ▶ We pray for the disabled of Ukraine who find getting help almost impossible, that we can find ways to help them.
- ▶ We pray for the wives and families of the soldiers like Katya and her two children. Her husband was posted to the front line four years ago and rarely got to see his children. He has now been posted closer to home so can sometimes get back. However, the family he left has changed and he struggles to communicate with his 15-year-old daughter, he has missed her growing up. He does not understand what they have been through and he struggles with all that he has experienced too. This scenario is repeated across Ukraine so please pray for all those struggling in this way, that God will bring them personal peace and the strength to carry on.
- ▶ We pray for civilians like Olya's father who is a builder. He is not fighting but still works close to the front line, helping to rebuild destroyed buildings and sees the full destruction of war each day. He is really struggling to cope mentally, if he stops doing this work, he will be conscripted and sent to fight. We pray that God gives him and others like him the strength to carry on.
- ▶ We give thanks for Pastor Maxime and his wife, Svetlana, she and a group of ladies are sewing uniforms, medical packs, autumn camouflage nets and oversized sleeping bags (so the soldiers can sleep in their uniforms). She also runs a much-needed group for widows and wives.
- ▶ We pray for our partner churches: their ministry to displaced people, children and churches providing fresh bread, food, clothing, etc. as well as the ongoing role of ministry. We pray that God gives them the strength to carry on.
- ▶ We give thanks for the life of one of our partner Pastors who was called up and has been killed in action. We pray for his family and church at this extremely difficult time.
- ▶ Pray for Pastor Neuri and his wife Natalia who, despite the huge risk, continue to live in Kherson where there are daily drone attacks on civilians and landmines the size of pebbles dropped on pavements. They stay because the people need them and the support they can bring (such as running a school/soup kitchen/bakery). Despite the dangers they say they see God's love and mercy each day.
- ▶ We give thanks for the summer camps held this year where, for a week, children could just be children without the fears of war. The smiling faces said it all.

- ▶ We give thanks for all those we have been able to help so far (we were shown numerous videos which the people wanted us to see) they are so thankful that they have not been forgotten.
- ▶ We pray for all our partners: the personal and emotional challenges they face at home or on the front.
- ▶ We give thanks that during these terrible times the number of Christians in Ukraine is increasing and pray that God continues to strengthen them.
- ▶ We pray for protection, both for those on the front line and those at home, for their mental and physical wellbeing. For the injured and for those awaiting news. We also pray for the widows and fatherless and all those who mourn.

**But most of all we pray that God will work in the lives of world leaders, that they would do all they can to bring about a lasting and just peace.**

Please also pray for the trustees of CR2EE that they can discern where the need is the greatest and how to help.

This work is only possible because of your continued support. Thank you. If you think you can help in any way please contact Nick or Sarah and **please, please continue to pray each day.**