

# NEWSLETTER

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## CHILDREN FROM HOPE IN ACTION

## THE GIFT OF JESUS

### »»» UPDATE FROM MINISTRY PARTNER HOPE IN ACTION, UKRAINE

Hope in Action hosts heartwarming gatherings for children in Ukraine, driven by a beautiful mission: to share the message of Jesus—the greatest gift anyone can receive. Understanding the importance of this mission, they ensure that every child receives a Bible, a gesture that reflects their commitment to spreading God's Word. They express deep gratitude for the support EEM provides with these precious resources.

The joy in the children's eyes as they receive these books is truly inspiring, and the stories that resonate with them often spark meaningful conversations.

We are so grateful for this collaboration with such intentional partners as they continue to spread the Kingdom of God. Their shared mission brings hope and light to young hearts, reminding us all to live on mission where we find ourselves serving the Kingdom.

## MIRACLES IN LITHUANIA

### »»» HEALING AND HOPE

Our Regional Director for Belarus, Andrei, recently shared an uplifting story from a church in Klaipeda, Lithuania, that speaks volumes about faith, perseverance, and the power of divine encounters. Every Saturday, this church family takes to the streets, visiting different areas of the city to speak with residents and distribute Bibles, sharing the message of hope.

Last winter, one of the church's leaders faced a life-threatening health crisis, so severe that he was admitted to intensive care. He had little chance of survival. But in a miraculous turn of events, he made a full recovery, crediting his healing to divine intervention. A kind nurse in full protective gear cared for him daily. The mask and suit obscured her face, leaving him unable to recognize her later. After his recovery, he returned to his church's mission, continuing the Saturday outreach.

Months later, while out distributing Bibles, he had a profound encounter: he met the very nurse who had cared for him. She revealed that she had been searching for him, eager to hear about his recovery. In that moment, the church leader shared his miraculous testimony of healing and introduced her to Christ. He offered her a Bible, and she was deeply moved. Since then, she has begun studying the Scriptures with the church community, embarking on her own spiritual journey.

This story is a powerful reminder of how God weaves unexpected connections and uses every moment, even the most challenging, to bring people closer to Him. What started as a life-or-death struggle in a hospital bed transformed into a life-changing testimony and a new beginning for someone seeking truth. Join us in praying for this ministry partner and their work in Lithuania.

# LIVES TRANSFORMED IN GREECE

## >>> UPDATE FROM EEM PARTNER HELLENIC MINISTRIES (HM)

The rich aroma of freshly brewed coffee fills the air, marking the start of another day to welcome Athens' most honored guests. Refugees from Iran, Afghanistan, Syria, Ukraine, and Greece gather in this warm haven, where they receive not just a meal but the embrace of love and community hosted by Hellenic Ministries (HM).

As the doors swing open, people stream into the bustling dining hall. Familiar faces glow with heartfelt hugs and shared smiles, while newcomers quietly settle in, eager for the uplifting songs and inspiring message to come. In the background, others sift through clothing, savor a hot shower, or start a load of laundry.

Every day, HM coordinates the distribution of food, Bibles, hygiene products, and clothing. Simultaneously, they provide activities for children. They also offer Greek and English classes and essential psychological support seminars to help heal deep wounds of trauma. HM leader Leonid Ivanov shared, **“Most important of all is witnessing people come to know the Lord and watching their lives transform. Each year, we celebrate dozens of baptisms at our summer camps, where people fully dedicate their lives to Him.”**

Olya, a Ukrainian refugee, shared her heart:

“I had lost hope due to a serious health issue until I truly found God here. Soon, I'll undergo surgery, but I'm no longer afraid. My heart is full of peace because I know He will sustain me.”

In August, HM hosted a family camp for nearly 100 Ukrainian refugees in the stunning Porto Astro facility. By the camp's end, five people had been baptized. We praise God for the ways he is at work in Greece, meeting and serving the populations seeking community through our amazing ministry partners like HM.



HM GATHERING IN ATHENS, GREECE



LEONID BAPTIZING AT PORTO ASTRO

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## >>> HOPE CAMPAIGN 2024

Hope is a word we use in uncertainty, in big ways and small. Real certainty is found in Jesus Christ alone, the Living Hope. During the 2024 Hope campaign, we have the opportunity to provide this hope to the nations through God's Word. From September 1st through December 31st, we invite you to prayerfully partner with us to deliver 970,000 Bibles across 35+ nations.

# A SOVEREIGN HOPE AMID UNCEASING CHAOS

» BY DASHA NOVIKOVA, EEM NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF UKRAINE

War has become a cruel companion in the daily lives of Ukrainians. What once might have been unthinkable—the repeated sound of air raid sirens, the devastation of homes, the daily death toll of innocent civilians—has now become part of a harrowing routine.

Even in towns once deemed safe, the war finds its way, shattering the fragile illusion of normalcy. Daily life in Ukraine is marked by destruction: crumbling infrastructure, residential areas reduced to rubble, and frequent blackouts that plunge communities into darkness. Few are untouched by fear, loss, or exhaustion. As the war rages on, military recruiters hunt for new conscripts, adding another layer of anxiety as families fear losing their loved ones to the front lines.

Yet, in the heart of this conflict, a quiet but powerful movement is underway. Against all odds, the distribution of Bibles across Ukraine has not ceased. It continues as a beacon of hope, a testimony to the enduring human spirit, and a reminder that even in the darkest valleys, God's light can never be extinguished and Jesus is on the throne.

For many, the Bible has become more than just a book; it is a lifeline, a source of comfort, and a symbol of resilience. Each Bible distributed is a tangible expression of God's love and sovereignty amidst the chaos. As missiles strike and sirens wail, the Word of God brings peace to those who are weary. It is a reminder that there is a power greater than any war, a power that stands above, a God who sees the suffering and offers solace through his son Jesus.

Despite the challenges, people are finding their way back to faith. Churches are not empty; they are growing. Requests for Bibles are up by more than 75%. Men, women, and children are turning to God, seeking solace in His promises. For some, the Bible is a guide through the turmoil, a refuge when the world around them seems to be falling apart. It is a reminder that they are not alone, that there is hope even when everything else has been stripped away.

The values that the Bible imparts—love, peace and perseverance—are taking root in the hearts of Ukrainians. These values inspire communities to hold on a little longer, to care for one another, and to believe that there is a brighter future beyond the horizon of war. The Bible reminds them that while the world may be uncertain, God's Word is steadfast. As Ukrainians face the relentless trials of war, the Bible serves as a reminder that God is near, that His promises are true, and that His love endures even in the most desperate of circumstances.

In these trying times, the spread of God's Word is a powerful testament to the enduring strength of faith. And as long as there are Bibles to distribute, there will be hope. Hope for peace through Jesus, hope for healing in Christ—and hope that one day, the sound of air alarms will be replaced by the sound of songs of praise.



DASHA NOVIKOVA

# BIBLES IN POLAND

## »»» REPORT FROM MINISTRY PARTNER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The end of the school year with kindergarten children was an extremely important and emotional moment for me. It was a time to summarize our work together, but also an opportunity to pass on to children the values that will accompany them throughout their lives.

Giving each child a Bible was a gesture which was aimed not only at celebrating the end of the year, but also equipping children with fundamental spiritual values. I have included a personal dedication in each book, believing that these words will stay with them for a long time and remind them of God's love.

For me, as a believer and a teacher, providing Scripture was an act of proclaiming the Gospel, sowing the seed of faith in the hearts of the youngest. These books will be a spiritual support and guide for them as they grow older, helping them to walk the right path. What is sown at a young age has a chance to bear fruit in the future, which is why this moment is so precious and full of hope for me. I am grateful that we have access to materials that are a great support in service to God!



CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE."

MATTHEW 19:14

## »»» PRAY WITH EEM

- Pray for the protection and health of EEM staff members and their families in Europe and the US.
- Pray for peace in Ukraine and protection for all those impacted by the war.
- Pray for our European team working in increasingly oppressive environments.
- Pray for our Ukrainian staff and families as they are grieving and adjusting to life in a new country.

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# EMPOWERED LEGACY

## >>> ESTATE PLANNING

The week of October 21 was the beginning of Estate Planning Awareness Week, a dedicated time to empower you with the knowledge and tools you need to secure your family's future and legacy.

Estate planning is a crucial step for everyone to protect their assets, ensure their wishes are carried out, and provide peace of mind for loved ones. PhilanthroCorp will help you establish any necessary trusts or guardianship, and even include charities you would like to bless after your lifetime. We encourage you to take advantage of our partnership with PhilanthroCorp.

The services of PhilanthroCorp are offered free of charge to our supporters, and details of your estate plan are kept private and not shared with the ministry or other third parties.

There are no sales pitches and no commissions to implement their suggestions. In fact, you may use their services to simply validate and/or update your current will and estate plan. If you don't have an attorney, PhilanthroCorp can refer you to a local Christian attorney who will draft documents for a reduced rate. This opportunity has the potential to save you hundreds, even thousands of dollars.

If you have been thinking about doing this, Estate Planning Awareness Week is a great reason to get started! Simply type in the link below or scan the QR, and a representative from PhilanthroCorp will contact you for a no-pressure consultation call.

[philanthrocorp.com/forms/eem](http://philanthrocorp.com/forms/eem)



# BIBLES IN CROATIA

## >>> NEW FACILITY IN VARAŽDIN

EEM ministry partners at the Varaždin Church, in partnership with Croatia for Christ (CfC), completed the construction of a new EEM book storage facility. This first delivery to the facility included nearly 10,000 Children's Bibles, all set for distribution to eager recipients.

This facility is not just a building; it's a crucial resource for sharing God's Word with the region.

Jura Lazar, a Regional Director for EEM and a member of the CfC managing board participated in the development and completion of this project. EEM is deeply grateful for Jura and partners like Croatia for Christ and the Varaždin Church, whose commitment ensures that Bibles and Bible-based materials are readily available to meet the demand.

We are grateful for the support that made this facility possible. Together, we remain dedicated to spreading the message of the hope of Christ contained within these Bibles, and we look forward to the positive impact they will have on children and families throughout the region.



JURA IN NEW FACILITY

# THANK YOU FROM UKRAINE

## »»» BIBLES IN VILKHOVETS, UKRAINE

We sincerely thank you for the Bibles and Bible-based materials you provide for our ministry. We provide these books to adults and children who request them when we work in outreach ministry. Children are happy to receive Bible coloring books. This helps them learn more about biblical stories. Many adults are very grateful for the Bible. The gift of these books aids in the spiritual growth of people who attend Bible studies with us. Thank you very much, and we hope to cooperate further. God bless you!



BIBLES IN VILKHOVETS, UKRAINE

# BIBLES IN HUNGARY

## »»» REPORT FROM CHURCH PARTNER

Thousands of people gathered in a large arena hall in Budapest, Hungary for the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Christianity spreading in Hungary. For followers of Jesus Christ in central Europe, year 1523 has significant meaning.

Throughout Europe, Christians gave their lives for their theological convictions during that time. Some—including Dr. Balthasar Hubmayer, a well-known Hungarian leader who was a contemporary of Martin Luther and John Calvin—who was burned at the stake.

Will Graham was the main speaker at the celebration and delivered a powerful Word of the Gospel. Believers brought many friends and families who did not know Christ and there were about 8,000 people who ended up at this event. Many heard the Gospel of Jesus for the first time. Event organizers share their gratitude to EEM because they were able to give Bibles to all the teenagers and children in attendance who wanted one. Praise God for the opportunity to reach the nation of Hungary on this special occasion.



EVENT IN BUDAPEST HUNGARY

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## RESILIENCE ON THE FRONTLINES ➤ REPORT FROM PARTNER CHMD LIKY

In the war-torn city of Siversk, Ukraine, where daily life is defined by the constant threat of shelling and scarcity, the arrival of volunteers brings not just aid but a profound sense of hope. Through our efforts, the power of literature—specifically, the Word of God—serves as a lifeline for residents striving to maintain their faith amidst chaos.

Our team visited the embattled city of Siversk, just six kilometers from the combat zone. Once home to 11,000, only around 900 residents remain. The plight of Siversk underscores the urgent need for both material and spiritual support. As we shared a message from the Gospel of Matthew, reminding them that true wealth lies not in possessions but in community and faith, we witnessed its impact. The enduring spirit of Siversk residents highlights their deep connection to their home, one they refuse to abandon amidst the ruins. Due to constant shelling and lack of security, people do not have

confidence in the next minute of life. Faith in God and reading the Word help them to hold on and survive.

In such conditions, people gladly took books with stories and psalms. Faith becomes an unshakable foundation for locals in the most difficult conditions, helping them find peace and strength.

Thanks to EEM, the volunteers were able to leave behind Christian literature, enabling residents to grow in their faith even during the absence of visiting Christians. This provision is particularly crucial given the recent restrictions on volunteer access due to ongoing shelling, ensuring that spiritual support remains accessible during these challenging times.



SIVERSK, UKRAINE