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## THE MASTER'S FOUNDATION

**Fall 2017**

Dear Partner in Ministry,

It's hard to believe that summer is over. The crispness of fall and its cool evenings remind us it is, and before we know it, the snow shovels will be coming out. I trust you had a chance to take in some sun and relax with family and loved ones.

As you will note from our newsletter it has been a busy time at Masters, coordinating the container for Ukraine, tracking it as it made its way across the ocean, its arrival, and making sure the premises were ready to receive it. We thank and praise God for its safe arrival.

Now we look forward to seeing it being distributed to the many who are destitute with bare cupboards at home and not enough money to provide their children a nutritious meal.

***The young and old - all need a hot bowl of soup, some bread and a word of encouragement. No one should be without bread on their table!***

It's so important that we continue to reach out to the vulnerable, hungry and suffering. We are so grateful and thankful for your prayers and support, for without it, we would not be able to meet their need. **Your gift today will help and allow us to continue reaching out to them.**

Summer camps were a great success where kids could be kids, where they could laugh and play. Space does not permit us to publish the testimonies and letters of thanks of the many children/youth who wrote and expressed their joy being at camp. So many of the children are from broken homes, alcoholic parents, no parents, all craving love and attention. Being at camp was a breath of fresh air; such a change from their sad and dire circumstances to new world of love, fellowship and coming to know how much God loves them.

The camp directors told us over 90% of the children came to a personal relationship with Christ. This is what makes camps so worthwhile!

***Thank you for caring, loving and investing in their lives! In Heaven, many will come to you and say, "I am here because you made it possible for me to be at camp".***

The Christmas Season will quickly be upon us and as stated in our newsletter we want to bless ***"the forgotten ones"***, at the several orphanages we partner with, but especially the children of the imprisoned moms. It is heartbreaking for a child to be without its mom, but more so at Christmas. This is why we want to make their Christmas joyous. ***Would you please help us light up a child's life this Christmas?***

The war in Ukraine continues with devastating effects, placing a tremendous hardship on all, especially the children. So many children have lost a father, the breadwinner in the family and now the mom is left without any support. So it's easy to understand when a mom says, *"this bag of soup was my salvation!"* We want to continue to send containers of soup mix, clothing, but it all takes funding.

***Finances were very low for the summer months and we are behind.***

I am asking for your prayers, that God would supply extra funding so we can continue to feed the hungry, the poor, clothe the naked and visit those in prison.

Thank you again for all support and prayers. You are loved and a great blessing to this ministry.

Please let us know how we can pray for you. We meet at the office for prayer regularly and want to pray for you and your need. Call us at 905.602.1350 and we will be happy to pray with you.

God bless you!

In His love & service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stan". The signature is stylized with a large, looping 'S' and a cursive 'tan'.

Stan



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# BRINGING HOPE, LIFE & SALVATION

## THE HEART OF SUMMER CAMPS – TEAM LEADERS REJOICE!



**T**he 2017 Summer Camps season has come to a close and YOU, our partners have been so instrumental in bringing joy, hope, restoration, character building opportunities, relevancy to issues in home life and a time for spiritual mentoring to the children and youth! What a joy for a child to be away from their dreary situation and experience LOVE! Camps were held on church premises, in tents, on the shore of a lake, at the river in the Carpathian Mountains and in a village.

**Team Leader Luba writes:** "Every Ukrainian has experienced the difficult changes in our country and although children may live far from the eastern borders of the country where bombs explode, their lives have been greatly affected! Due to the worsening economy, lost jobs and need for medical treatment, many parents have had leave for work abroad or in some cases, try to forget their plight by turning to alcohol. Children of such families are left alone during the summer. Praise the Lord that churches and volunteers and Masters Foundation have helped us to organize three summer camps. The most important part of camp were the morning and evening meetings where we discussed how, with the help of God and His Word, youth can build strong character traits."

**Nova Borova Camp writes:** "We were able to access a large screen in an assembly hall that had been used by Parliament before elections. Imagine the delight of

*everyone present when all the photos of their children's daily camp events were projected. How blessed the parents were to see the happiness and joy expressed by their children! Fun – it rarely happens now a days!"*

**The Way of Love Church camp on the shores of a forest lake writes:** "Often, guests (vacationers at the lake) came to our tent as they were interested in what was happening. We'd invite them to the evening meetings. The themes and subject of God's view and standards of Love which we taught in our program, deeply touched the lives of these teens and adults alike."

**New Horizons Camp stated –** "Thank you for making camp a reality! We are sincerely grateful to Master's Foundation for their financial support which guaranteed the funding for these events. It has allowed for many children, young people and their parents to be reached with the love of Jesus and into a personal relationship with Him."

**This is what makes camps worthwhile, to see children's lives changed!**



# A BAG OF SOUP & CLOTHING - ITS JOURNEY TO UKRAINE



**T**his summer Stan and I were leaning on some skids in the back of the Cambridge Ontario Christian Gleaners warehouse. The forklift driver was moving the skids of pails filled with bags of dehydrated soup mix and apples into the truck, while other men carried in 166 bags of layettes and stuffed them above the double stacked skids. The volunteers were going about doing their regular things – washing, chopping a variety of vegetables, peeling, cutting apples; preparing them for dehydration. As soon as the container was loaded, the skids secured, the driver made his way to Sew on Fire depot to pick up skids of clothing and layettes, so desperately needed. It was quickly loaded and ***the journey now began!*** We tracked the Vessel MSC Shirley (no it was not named after me) up the St. Lawrence, across the Atlantic, through the strait of Gibraltar, Mediterranean, Aegean, Black Sea, arriving in Odessa. The following day it was trucked to our partner Church, “Church of Love” in Ovruch. Pastor Vova had prepared the premises of the church basement where the pails of soup, clothing were unloaded.

Very soon a bag/bags of soup would come into the hands of a young family, elderly, single mom with several children, a toothless, forgotten person who would grasp this ‘goodness’ and weep with thankfulness and gratefulness. Their prayers were answered. The many soup kitchens will rejoice as now they will be able to continue to provide bowls of soup to the poor and hungry.



A team from Church of Love will be visiting the seniors home in Velednicky and others, rehab centers, refugees, with pails/bags of soup, fruits, clothing, and layettes for moms with new-borns. With every package of soup, the recipient will receive literature sharing God’s love for them.

In September Stan, Shelley Stone of Ontario Christian Gleaners and I will have the privilege of being in Ukraine to see the fulfillment of this journey.

***The journey of this container of blessing was made possible because you, our partners loved, cared, and responded to the cry and plight of the people. The people of Ukraine and we at Masters thank you from the bottom of our hearts.***

***A 40ft. container gives 1.7 million portions of soup and shipping costs are \$10,000 Canadian. That’s less than a penny for a bowl of soup! We ask you for your continued prayer and support!***



The journey continued with customs clearance and preparation for distribution. ***This was a challenge as so many people, (2 million refugees, widows, seniors, single moms, children) affected by the war – all hurting, in pain, all in need, waiting, looking for help!***

*Shirley Dawidiuk, Executive administrator*

# CONSEQUENCES OF THE “FORGOTTEN WAR IN EASTERN UKRAINE”

The British-Ukrainian Aid, a charity, states that in providing help for the victims of the war in Ukraine, **there are 3.1 million people needing humanitarian help; among them 580,000 children. They also pointed out 2.3 million people in the occupied zone are not receiving any help because of the isolation of this territory by the “self-proclaimed authorities”.** This makes access with aid very difficult. Reports from the front line point out the war has created mega family problems – separation, the constant shelling/bombings causing families/children to escape from the zone. Due to the destroyed infrastructure/utilities, water, power etc., huge hygiene problems are rampant with an epidemic of diseases such as tuberculosis and jaundice. They also stated **-the rest of the world knows much more about the war in Syria than about the real situation in Ukraine, which is tragic!**

Schools are in chaos –attendance has dropped dramatically due to the constant shelling and bombings! For example, in Avdiivka only 700 students of 3,000 are attending. Others are closed out of fear for the lives of teachers and students.

This summer alone, over 100 soldiers were killed and more than 500 wounded and continues daily. A senseless, needless war is having a devastating effect on the people. But it is the children who suffer the most – psychologically; traumatized

for life. So many children are left without a father and a single mom now wondering what will happen to her and her children.

**With your help to alleviate the suffering of the war, Masters is continually sending containers of dried soup mix and clothing to the refugees and children. We ask you again, can you help us with another container for this year?**



## Operation Christmas Blessing

Christmas starts early at our home. The first thing on our to do list is to put up our Christmas tree and then decorate it. The challenge is to convince my daughter to wait until after Remembrance Day to do that. She just loves to have her tree up early. Christmas is a big deal to us in our home. It really is the most wonderful time of year.

Christmas is not only about gifts, carols, decorations and getting together with family and friends, in fact it is about Jesus coming to us, broken humanity. He came as a baby to restore a relationship between our heavenly Father and us. There is no greater gift than that! What joy that brings!

**Unfortunately, there are many single moms, orphans, widows in Ukraine who will not have joy this Christmas. War and conflict continue to wreck havoc in this beautiful country. Economic crisis continues to make every day survival so challenging. Oh, how they need to hear the good news of Christmas!**

**WOULD YOU PLEASE HELP US?** This Christmas with your help, Masters would like to bless the children at Puhochivka, Livchitsi, Nova Borova orphanages. As well we need to bless the children of the imprisoned moms. Also, we cannot forget the elderly in the senior homes. We can bring joy and celebration to those who feel so forgotten. Would you prayerfully consider donating to our Operation Christmas Blessing? With your assistance, we can provide much needed Christmas joy to the broken and needy of Ukraine. With your financial gift, many children and adults will receive a Christmas gift, a nutritious meal and they will hear about the greatest gift, the birth of our Saviour, Jesus!

**Thank you for helping us make Operation Christmas blessing happen! God bless you!**

Rev. Karen Milley



# NEWS:

## MASTERS FOUNDATION NOW REGISTERED IN UKRAINE.

This summer Masters was officially registered in Ukraine as a charity. It was deemed necessary to do this to help with the shipping of aid and transfer of funds. A board of directors was also put in place with Stan Watrich as president, with Rev. Gene Clarke and Rev. Karen Milley as directors. Please pray for Master's Ukraine board.

## GLENDON BANQUET

Our annual Banquet is approaching and we encourage you to purchase your tickets for this event which will take place at the Senior Citizens Centre in Glendon, Alberta on Nov. 18th at 6:00pm. You won't want to miss this evening! Please call Dave or Gwen Werstiuk at 780-635-4080.

## RETREAT

Plans are finalized for our third Annual Pastor's/wives/leadership Retreat in Zaozerne, Ukraine (Volyn Region) in October 4,5,6th. We are so honored to have Pastors Gary and Jan Beesley of Toronto and Pastor Gene Clarke of Hamilton as our guest speakers. They will also be ministering on Sunday in Lutsk and Ternopil Churches.



## THE NEED FOR LITERATURE/BOOKS

In Ukraine rarely will a tract/literature be thrown away. Ukrainian people are great readers as noted by the scores of book stores in every city. In spite of the digital world, the printed page is still a very powerful tool of communication. When communists overran China, at the head of their victory parade was a printing press with a sign, WITH THIS WE CONQUER. And with their propaganda, the communists did conquer and kept many nations under control.

However, Jesus said, "...the word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." And today China is experiencing revival because of His Word.

One of the mandates of Masters from the beginning was the publishing of gospel literature and testimonial books. Several million copies have been published over the past 34 years with



the publishing of 1.5 million Children's/Youth Bible. The war in Eastern Ukraine has caused great animosity and division. Much healing and restoration is required. John Arnott has written a book on Forgiveness which we have translated into Ukrainian/Russian and printed over 300,000 copies. Churches, pastors, and outreach people are requesting this book as it is so needed. Prisoners need Bibles and books. Ludmila, a warden in Good Waters Women's Prison stated, "Stan, can you give us Christian books, literature, DVDs?" When I asked why, she replied, "we want our women when they leave to be better than when they came here." Joyce Meyers Ministries is graciously supplying Masters with her books for prisons. Also, books are needed for the shut ins, invalids and seniors who are in their final stages of life. We have several testimonial books in process and need funds for publishing them. **Can we count on your support to give the bread of life to those who do not know God's love, forgiveness and salvation?**

## A WORD FROM OUR DONORS...

One of our USA donors participated in a team from different campuses of Woodside, Michigan (ages ranging from 16 to 75). Their task was to organize the games/sports, crafts & ESL portions of camp along side the team that did the bible lessons and Christian Outreach in a city in Western Ukraine. In thanking us, he said, "The camp was a great success due to the generosity of Woodside Bible Church, the US Team, Master's Foundation and an anonymous donor, we were able to give every child/youth a bible in Ukrainian."

Karen B. has a unique way of acquainting her community about the plight of orphans in Ukraine. She writes: "Please send me some pamphlets re the girl's orphanages in Ukraine so that I can give it to others who are interested as well as put them on my table at the Farmers Market. I use these to raise awareness of **The Master's Foundation** especially during the summer when I am at the Farmers Market selling hairbands with crocheted flowers on them, the proceeds of which go to the girls in Ukraine.

Sometimes the people simply take the pamphlets and other times they ask me questions."  
(Thanks Karen!)

**We'd appreciate you helping us increase our mailing list and promoting the ministry of The Master's Foundation by recommending us to your family, friends, church and business associates.**