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Dear Partner in Ministry,

I greet you with the traditional Easter greeting in Ukraine - *Христос воскрес!* "*Christos Voskras*", meaning "*Christ is Risen!*" and the response would be "*Voistyno Voskres!*" (*Воістину Воскрес!*) meaning "*Indeed, He is Risen!*"! People carry this greeting well after Easter... I like that as it is a constant reminder of the Cross and the Good News!

Gene Clarke and I were in Ukraine in April, shortly after Ukrainian Easter and we heard this greeting often. Our trip was an eventful one, meeting with some of our partners - Vova & Tanya from Ovruch, Sergei and Tanya Artsabliuk in Dubno...we are so impressed with the work they have begun with church, children's ministry, and camps. Also, Pastor Sergey and Ivanka with their ministry in Urshantsk to children and Nova Borova special needs children. We were blessed to continue making new contacts to further Master's work. Pastor Sergei Papazyan is a key person who will be receiving/clearing the containers and with Sergey Perkhalsky will be directing the distribution of aid/soup mix in Eastern Ukraine.

I am thankful, grateful and humbled that God would allow the Masters' team and I to be a part of what He is doing in Ukraine. ***YOU, our partners/donors/suppliers*** are such an integral part of this team. We could do nothing without you!! ***From the bottom of my heart, thank you!***

We are amazed at the 'silent' partners and volunteers that make up this team. "***Thank You***" are not words spoken lightly. Your giving, monetarily and otherwise, is absolutely crucial for us to continue with the projects that enable us to help the needy in Ukraine, whether it is a bag of soup mix, clothing, summer camps, a Bible or a piece of literature that brings ***Hope*** to troubled and broken lives. Your generosity is astounding!

5,340 volunteer hours were contributed to prepare 1,137,600 servings of soup from one of our most recent containers. Volunteers ranging in age from 15-98 drive from a one hour radius regularly to wash, trim and prepare raw food for the drying process, wash pails and label bags with approximately 4,000 hours being spent preparing 20 skids of food. These volunteers represent about 14 different Christian denominations; some remembering their experience with hunger as children and loving the 'volunteer community' they have come to enjoy.

Thank you to the volunteers who give their time and muscle to stuff a 40' High Cube container (no, we don't waste an inch of space) and arrive before the container, and, after filling it, stay to watch the final seal being applied and silently pray that it finds its way to Ukraine without any hassles.

Can you imagine yourself in a room of volunteers, knitting, sewing and packaging the baby layettes that are so highly valued and marveled at by doctors and nurses and young mothers who have nothing to bring their newborns home with?

Thank you to all the Gleaners who supply us with containers of soup, Joshua of Comage Shipping, Muskett Transport, Sew On Fire Ministries, Craig Davis for his duplicating services and so many countless others! Also, thank you to Mark Watrich, our IT person, for the incredible work he does in managing our website and facebook page. Thank you, Henry, for the work on the Bible and books you format. And then there is our executive administrator, Shirley Dawidiuk, who manages the office, goes more than the second mile and is such a great help to me. ***We'd be lost without all of you!***

May God bless Joyce Meyer and her compassionate heart for Ukraine. In response to our request for a devotional book in Ukrainian, Joyce Meyer Ministries is printing a devotional called *Promises For Your Everyday Life* and donating *15,000 copies for our outreaches in Ukraine*. Another one of her books is being donated for women's prison outreach.

Last but not least, we thank those of you who pray for us. Prayer moves the "hand of God".

As you will note in our newsletter we look forward to a great summer with summer camps with the children and the production of 11,000 copies of the Children's/Youth Bible. At the closure of each camp, every child and young person will receive a copy of this beautiful Bible!

I am asking again; will you please help us bless the lives of the children and people of Ukraine?

With every blessing,

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

Stan



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SPRING IN UKRAINE WITH STAN & GENE



It's April 13th....another whirlwind trip to Ukraine for Stan and Gene. Stan says he stopped counting after the 100th one and Gene is trying to catch up to him. They left Toronto with temperatures close to freezing and arrived to mid to high 20's - more like summer instead of spring. Everything greened out and the flowers and fragrances in bloom were breathtaking. Their travels took them to Lutsk for a Sunday service, then to Lviv and Livchitsee Orphanage. Here they met with the director Svitlana, who proudly displayed the completed renovations of the dormitory washrooms, showers, bathtub, ventilation etc., the installation of new lockers in the gymnasium (thanks to Church On The Queensway and Don Pasiuk) Can you imagine - sit down toilets, no more squatting?! Yay!!

while Stan made friends with the horses.



They moved on to Rivno, met with Taras & Natalya Dyatalik and discussed the translation and publishing of two books. Natalya translated Rick Warren's book Purpose Driven Life into Ukrainian which Masters will be publishing. Taras will be translating Biblical Teaching by Haddon W. Robinson into Ukrainian. This is one of the finest books on the art of preaching and will be a tremendous asset in the training of young people for ministry.

On the way to Rivno the fields were busy with people preparing the ground for planting their potatoes. They stopped by and chatted with a group of villagers, who at first were shy and reluctant to speak with us and didn't want to be photographed. They quickly warmed and gave Stan a hoe and put him to work. Gene took a turn at ploughing a furrow,

From there on to Kiev for several days of meetings with the Ministry of Justice and Pastor Wozniuk of Emmanuel Church. Later they met with Pastor Sergey Papazyan, a precious and humble man located just outside the ATO zone who is distributing the aid Masters sends. The two containers sent this spring are being distributed by him to soup kitchens, the poor and needy. We will profile Pastor Papazyan and the wonderful work he is doing in our fall newsletter.



PARTNER PROFILE

VADIM AND ALEXANDRA

Voluntarily feeding people in need in Novomoskovsk, Dnipro area, Ukraine

Although it is spring in Ukraine and the harshness of winter has dissipated, we would like to share with you the story of one of our partners - Vadim and Alexandra who have faithfully and sacrificially served the poor and destitute this winter. They've been recipients of dehydrated soup mix donated to Masters by the Gleaners. Volunteers Vadim & Alexandra constantly organize free hot meals and over the past two years have given out thousands of servings of hot soup mix. Every day this family faithfully brings to the city center, a large pot of homemade soup. Alexandra gave up a prestigious and well-paid job to devoted all her time and finances to this ministry.



For two years The Master's Foundation has provided them with Soup Mix and Alexandra has become very innovative in preparing hot soups, borsch and even vegetable ragu. Vadim who recently returned from the war in ATO zone, uses his benefits to purchase additional food.

Alexandra tells us that at first the shop owners in this city centre area were unhappy about having homeless and the poor coming to wait for a meal but they soon changed their minds and now even help us. A 40 litre pot of Soup gets emptied within half an hour.



Winter and Summer – you can count on them!

Many people with disabilities and pensioners find it difficult to come to the food line and so their "friends" take food in jars, cans or trays and carry them to their homes. One man from their neighborhood took responsibility for four disabled people and regularly comes for food for them. Vadim and Alexandra engage them in conversation about their lives and God and soon they notice changes - the men let the women go first in line, the swearing stops and the topics of conversation change. These people who were ashamed to be found in food lines now assist them with the distribution.



A grateful recipient



Alexandra prepares to 'transport' her serving table and pot of soup

In the winter especially, life is very difficult. Heating their flats means that almost all the pensioners meagre income is spent. **"To have warm radiators you have to pay more than 1,000 hryvnias, but the pension starts at 1,200."**

We are so grateful and thankful to partner with Vadim and Alexandra and thank God for their dedication and faithfulness in serving the less fortunate. Also, thanks to our donors for enabling us to assist them. It was our privilege to personally meet this couple and see first-hand the scope of their outreach. **Please continue to pray for them.**

Check out this heart breaking video that illustrates the plight of the elderly in Ukraine by going to Master's facebook page or the NEWS section of our website.

OUTREACH PROJECTS



SUMMER CAMPS - BIBLE OUTREACH

Several summer camps will be held this year beginning in June. Our partners, the Nevmerzhtsiyski in Ovruch will be holding several camps for children and youth. As well, the Romaniuks will be hosting day camp in Lviv and in the Carpathians.



When in Ukraine, Stan & Gene made contact with Pastor Vitaliy Vozniuk of Emmanuel Church. He shared his plans for the summer outreaches to the villages and church planting. With the partnership of their churches, he has organized to do 3 days outreach **for the youth and children in 13 villages and**

towns. It will take place according to the pattern they did last summer in Odessa, where they held camp for children and invited their parents to come. Sports competitions, workshops and Bible classes were held. **At the end of camp, 1200 children received gifts of Christian literature. As a result many gave their hearts to the Lord! This year Pastor Vitaliy expects to hold an outreach in 13 villages with an expectation of a minimum attendance of 10,000 children and young people.**

We suggested it would be great to give the Youth Bible as a free gift to each child/young person who would attend the daily camp regularly. At the conclusion a Church would be established with him providing a pastoral leader to carry on the work. Pastor Vitaliy plans to start this outreach from the middle of June till August. **Can we count on your prayers and support to print 10,000 Youth Bibles for summer camp outreaches?**



JUSTICE MINISTRY OF UKRAINE APPROVES PILOT PROJECT

Rev. Gene Clarke, Sergey Kuzmenko, Sergey Perkhalskiy and Stan Watrich met with officials from the Ministry of Justice and had an excellent meeting. They were very gracious and most interested in the OVERCOMERS Recovery Program for inmates/prisons. What was amazing they requested if their psychologists could be involved in it to better prepared work with the inmates. It was agreed with their approval to do a pilot project in 2 men's prisons and 1 women's prison. Target date is for early fall of this year. **Please pray for wisdom and guidance for all involved. The success of this program will open the door to every prison in Ukraine with the Ministry of Justice endorsement.**



OTHER NEWS - HORRIFIC LIFE OF CHILDREN TRAPPED

on the frontline of Putin's brutal forgotten war in Ukraine

Children in Donbas can't imagine life without tanks and guns as Russia's conflict rages on leaving the area without heating, electricity or water. Standing in the rubble of her school, 13-year-old Anna recalls the day the bombs fell. "We were playing outside when the shelling first started," she tells. "We had to run for our lives." As she talks, her pals risk their lives nearby playing football on some of the most mine-laden fields on the planet. It is Krasnohorivka, one kilometre from the front line where Putin's Russia has waged a four-year battle along Ukraine's eastern border. Anna was one of the students at School #2 that was shelled by Russian forces. Hundreds of children have already died along this front line - and for many of the 220,000



And all cry out... "WHEN WILL THE WAR END??"



youngsters still caught up in Putin's conflict, there is barely an echo of a normal childhood. "Before the conflict this was a happy place, the town was so beautiful. You'd hear children laughing - the school was alive. Now the only sound is silence," says Anna's principal, Elena Mikhatskaya. Silence, that is, but for the constant backdrop of fighting between Ukrainian troops and Russian-backed rebels.

For four years Krasnohorivka has had no gas or electricity. Recently, drinking water for 600,000 people in the region was cut off after an attack on the town's filtration plant. Mortar shells and Grad missiles, like those that destroyed the school and the hospital, can be heard for miles around. Elena said: "**It breaks my heart, the damage to these children will last a lifetime. The conflict has imprisoned them.**" A few months ago a child who'd picked up a piece of unexploded ordnance lost both his hands. Further north, another village lies directly on the front line. Its precise location must be kept secret as residents fear reprisals for speaking out. Dozens of pupils must cross the line here just to get to their school. This one, at least, still stands - although surrounded by sandbags after its windows were blown out. A Councillor says, "... in 2015 the village was shelled for three days, losing a quarter of its buildings.. it's not safe here." School posters tell children how to avoid unexploded bombs and mines.

Alexander's father was out collecting firewood. He stepped on a mine and died. Nine days later, as he and family gathered to mourn, a mortar shell landed in their back yard. Natalia said: "I heard a bang, saw a flash through the window. I said goodbye to my life as I had known it." Alexander, 15, now is hardened to the horrors of the war. He said: "We used to hide in the basement. But now I can work out how far away the weapons are depending on the sound. If we know the shelling is not too close we carry on playing football."

Please view video of the life of children trapped in Donbas by going to [Master's facebook page](#) or the [NEWS section of Masters website](#). Latest statistics are 25,000 have lost their lives, however, experts say the number is closer to 50,000 including Russia and Ukraine.

Note: Last fall Stan & team from Masters visited Pastor Ivan Pryadka in Krasnohorivka, he showed us the ravages and devastation the war has caused in this city. Will you help us send a container of soup to Pastor Ivan?

RADIO UPDATE

Election looms in Ukraine for 2019 and of course President Poroshenko has started his campaign and doing all that he can to get re-elected. The people are dissatisfied with him because of unfulfilled promises, corruption and the ongoing war. As a result, he has temporarily taken control of all radio stations and brought them under state control in order to control all media broadcasting. This means the radio broadcast Masters had under Grace Church is closed since the new year. Permission must now be applied for in Kiev for any broadcasting. It will be very difficult, next to impossible to receive permission for religious broadcasting on State channels. But GOD is in control and opened another door, far greater than the one we had! Pastor Bohdan Mudreivskiy in Ternopil is willing to transcribe his TV telecast into a 15 min. radio broadcast and make it available for Masters. **Svitle Radio, a private radio station is the biggest Christian Radio Channel, which broadcasts 24 hours a day in the 7 biggest cities of Ukraine with potential listening audience of over 10 million.** The broadcast will also be on the internet/satellite. (Please pray for this opened door of taking the "Good News" into Eastern Ukraine.)

A WORD OF THANKS TO OUR DONORS/PARTNERS.

Masters has so many volunteers working behind the scenes; our silent partners from churches, corporations, and individuals who have and continue to give sacrificially to the work in Ukraine. To all those who have given of their time, faithfully prayed, and donated to our ministry with finances and resources...we say a huge THANK YOU! We could not do this without you! Your generosity does not go unnoticed and is what enables Masters to touch lives across Ukraine. May God richly bless you as you have blessed the lives of so many.