



Dear friends!

First of all, please accept a very warm thank you for your support for the families living in frontline villages of Ukraine, from fathers serving in the war, from their spouses and children at home.

All across the United States we are planning our Christmas season. We will give gifts to our loved ones and show compassion to someone in need. We will decorate the Christmas tree, prepare a great Christmas dinner. It's all a part of the holiday season. Many of us will focus on the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Christmas Nightmare

But sadly, for many in Ukraine Christmas will be a nightmare. Russian missiles have destroyed churches and have struck power stations and grids across the nation leaving untold thousands of families, mothers and children without electricity in freezing conditions. We are witnessing a humanitarian crisis unfolding before our eyes.

To date, civilian infrastructure has been decimated with over 2,000 attacks on healthcare facilities and two million damaged homes. The prolonged war has led to widespread trauma and psychological distress among the Ukrainian population. Almost 40% of the population in Ukraine needs humanitarian assistance, according to UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Ukraine Matthias Schmale.

Should Moscow carry out further strikes against Ukraine's three nuclear power plants with the arrival of plummeting winter temperatures the situation will be catastrophic. Sweeping power outages will plunge families into subzero temperatures, hunger and sickness with no heat, no cooking, no hot water.



Power outages, mean no running water on the upper floors

Roksolana lives in a highrise in Kyiv. She says: "Power outages mean no running water on the upper floors. When the elevators don't work, children and the disabled cannot reach the underground bomb shelters in time."

"Our whole life, our whole civilization, is built upon having access to electricity." Roksolana continues: "All you have to do is destroy the power grid of your enemy, and they will no longer have an economy and no life."

The situation is dramatically more difficult in the villages and cities of the war zone in eastern Ukraine. Many villages have not seen electricity since summer. Effectively, families cannot survive the winter without a source of heat to keep warm, to cook food, and boil water for hygiene.

Winter Without Heat Is Not Survivable

Ukrainian energy advisor Ryabtsev says: "There will be blackouts. The only question is their duration and frequency." There is a great need for wood-burning stoves. Without them thousands of families, moms and children will freeze. One stove will save a family this winter by providing heating, food (cooking) and hygiene (hot water).



Between the fall of 2022 and the winter of 2023-24, thanks to our friends and supporters GCM has financed and delivered over 10,000 stoves to families in Ukraine. As Russia's horrific invasion of Ukraine continues to escalate, the need for more stoves increases at the same pace.

Thousands of orders for wood-burning stoves have poured into our Kyiv office this past month. We have now ordered the first 500 stoves from factories in Kyiv and Zaporizhzhia at \$150 USD each. Together, we can deliver thousands more stoves. Every dollar is much appreciated. Thank you for your best gift. Again, a wood-burning stove will make the difference between life and death for a family.

Post Trauma Syndrom Disorder (PTSD) Affects Millions

Ukraine continues to suffer from PTSD on a pandemic scale. PTSD stems from unimaginable tragedy. Rockets and missiles destroy cities and kill people. But the war can also severely wound the soul and heart. In war, bad news is inevitable. Devastating news of a husband's death, or news that the one they love is in a military hospital blind, deaf, without arms or legs, or the news that their home, their village no longer exists, amounts to "shrapnel" that severely damages the soul.

GCM's primary mandate is to minister the healing message of the Gospel to millions of Ukrainians. The need for the Gospel at all levels of society is **"red hot" urgent.**

There Simply Are Not Enough Psychiatrists!

UN statistics say that over 10 million Ukrainians suffer from PTSD. Therefore the book is for every Ukrainian mom, dad, child, grandparent, and soldier. At its core, **"God's Psychiatry - Psalm 23"** unpacked is designed to bring healing to the heart and soul from God's Word. Laced with personal testimonies from "Ground Zero,"



practical steps for recovery are provided by experienced experts, Christian psychologists, psychiatrists, and pastors. We need to print 100,000 copies of this book asap! The negotiated unit price is \$2.50 per copy. Perhaps your financial situation will allow you to finance 10 books at 25 dollars or 40 books at 100 dollars.



In photos below: GCMW works with a team of 200 military chaplains across the frontlines on a daily basis transporting wood-burning stoves, firewood, food, water, medicine, clothing, footwear and supplies to people living in the active war zone, often no more than 10 miles from Russian forces. Often times we assist in evacuation of elderly and disabled residents of population centers under attack by Russian forces.



Pictured above: The father of a family with his wife and two children. Our cameraman wished this father, Almighty God's protection. **Other photos:** Last winter stoves were delivered to villages ravaged by the war. The villagers transported the wood-burning stoves on sleds and bicycles.





Photo above: GCM met with Kharkiv Mayor Terehov in his underground office bunker. The City of Kharkiv has received classroom furniture and interactive whiteboards for their underground schools as well as hundreds of wood-burning stoves for surrounding localities.

Left: Mayor Anatoly Fedoruk of Bucha City, Ukraine, with Hannu Haukka GCM Missions Director.

Below: Mayor Kirsi Rontu of the city of Kerava, Finland, with Mayor Anatoly Fedoruk of Bucha City signing a cooperation agreement assisted by GCM.



UN recommendation

According to the UN, the most effective way to help Ukraine is to provide financial support. In this way the aid is purchased locally and saves on transport costs and customs fees. For more information visit our dedicated website: UkraineAidToday.com

A warm thank you for your support this Christmas. There is no better time to support Ukraine, than today. We take a stand to support Ukraine for as long as it takes. We pray for a rapid end to the war.

PS. Will you remember Great Commission Media Ministries in your Year-End Giving? We so appreciate and thank you for your support of the people of Ukraine thus far. We wish you God's richest blessings, joyful moments and much health this Christmas season.

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