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Dear Ministry Partner,

Greetings in Jesus!

I trust you will enjoy reading our fall newsletter with its updates and news.

I would especially encourage you to take time to read all about the summer camps held this season. Much, much more could have been said about how the kids enjoyed their time at the sea, the excursions into the forest and the Carpathians. Coming from the ATO (war zone) where they are constantly living in fear, wondering where and when the next missile will fall, and then, coming into God's beautiful creation of quietness and peace – well, this was mind boggling for them to say the least. They were blessed beyond words and came to know the love of Jesus, and how much He cares for them. Yes, they wept and did not want to go back to their war-torn towns. But a foundation was laid in their lives which we trust will carry them through the tumultuous days ahead.

We thank you for your investment in the lives of these children. Without your help, it wouldn't have happened.

We ask for your prayers for all the children affected by the war. Statistics show that many young children that are affected by the explosion of missiles etc., often go into shock and die within 3 months.

The war continues! Covid continues! And we don't understand why. A mother in Ukraine weeps bitterly at the loss of her 16-year-old daughter, who just graduated. She was killed by missile explosion in their own yard. A father who received news that his son was killed by a sniper, cries out, "Why God? Why God, when will it end?"

When in Kyiv, we visited a memorial wall with thousands of photos of young men and women who gave their lives for their country – heartbreaking beyond words!

It's difficult for us to comprehend these things and at times like this we don't understand God's plan.

Job records a series of tragedies and setbacks in his life. Humanly speaking, if there was anyone who qualified for a life free from trouble, it was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God

and shunned evil. But life doesn't always work out the way we'd like it to—it didn't for Job, and it doesn't for us. When his wife counseled him to curse God and die, Job's words to her were wise, instructive, and fitting for us as well when things happen - big or small - that we'd rather not face. "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?"

By God's strength, may our trust and reverence for Him remain, even when we can't understand how He's at work during life's difficult days, here and in Ukraine. Let us remember that God is bigger than the wars and the systems of the world and all falls under His sovereignty.

So, help us Father and the people in Ukraine to trust You and honor You when we don't understand.

As an update – the distribution of one million booklets of "Peace With God" by Billy Graham is nearing completion - over 750,000 have been given to churches, missions and prisons. The balance was donated to Eurasia Field Ministries for their ministry in Kyiv.

The book "Heaven" is being given to senior homes by our orthodox partner Oleh Ovechko, who distributes the containers of aid Masters sends. A container of pea protein is in the process of being sent to him shortly. Oleh stated people are so receptive to this book that we will have to print more.

At this time, we want to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Bohdan and Luba Romaniuk of Lviv who have held summer camps for children and youth for 30 years. They will be featured in our winter newsletter.

A prayer request: In the past the Orthodox Church has asked Masters for copies of the Childrens/Youth Bible and we supplied them with several thousand copies. We have now approached the head of their movement asking if they would be willing to give a Bible to all the families who have lost a loved in the war. They have replied they are willing to undertake this project. Pray for this venture/project as it is a tremendous opportunity to present the gospel and the life changing message of God's love to hurting people.

I thank you for your partnership, commitment, and support for Ukraine!

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. (Philippians 1:3-5)

With your help, we are making a difference.

We look forward to hearing from you.

God bless you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stan". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Summer Camp Smiles



SUMMER CAMPS

The Master's Foundation has always had a heart for the children of Ukraine as they are one of the groups that suffers most. One of the ways we have helped children over the years is by sponsoring their summer camps. Our hope and intention is that these moments at camp gives them an opportunity to come into a deep relationship with God, to know how much He loves and cares for them and to give hope as they navigate their desperate lives. Our prayer is that camp will provide a foundation for them to build their lives on. All of 2021 summer camps, which you sponsored, were specifically held for children from the war zone and disadvantaged children – deaf children and those who fled from the east due to the war.

Our newsletter is far too brief to share all the testimonies of the children, but we hope that you will be encouraged by their stories.

In our previous newsletter you would have read an article written by the organizer of summer camps geared specifically to the children from the war zone - those from Avdiivka. Imagine the delight, the awe and the curiosity of these children who's devastated town is anything but peaceful. Olena, the organizer sent these notes of the 7-day camp that Master's Foundation sponsored.

The journey began in Kyiv where almost all of the children had never visited. When we got off the train, they



questioned what currency was used - was it dollars or rubles and we had to tell them it was definitely hryvnia. It was very strange for them to look up at the CHMAROCHOS (skyscrapers) and to see beautiful houses. When going down into the subway on an escalator, they were fearful and curious at the same time.

We had the opportunity of visiting Independence Square where the 2014 revolution took place. The children asked many questions as to why the war began and why they have a war going on to this day when the rest of the country is peaceful. For us it was very difficult to answer these questions in a manner the children would understand as many of them still have parents or relatives living on the other side of the front lines of war.

A bus trip to a remote village at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains brought tears of gratitude as the unprecedented beauty of the mountains, rivers and streams was more than the children (and adults) could take in. Near the camp a mountain river with cold crystal-clear water flowed and the children 'flew' to the river with great enthusiasm not noticing the cold temperature. (continued)



SUMMER CAMPS

During the time spent here we tried to show them the beauty of God's creation, so that these impressions would register with them and remain in their hearts.

During this time the children prayed and thanked God for His creation, the beauty around them, the opportunity they were given and for everyone who made this dream possible for them. On the last day of camp, the children prayed, accepting the Lord in their hearts. As the organizer, this was very moving – to watch the children cry and thank God.

In Kyiv the children were placed on a train to return to Avdiivka, the scene was even more heart wrenching. They did not want to return home and they cried asking the Lord to help them continue to see the beauty of the mountains and forests and streams.



their son. Now, Andrew can walk and care of himself. He graduated from the special boarding school for deaf children. It was very hard for him, but finally he got all the basic knowledge that he needed.

Unfortunately, just when everything seemed fine, his mother died of a cancer. That was a hard time for Andrew and his family. Now, his father does everything possible to provide a normal life for his son.

One of the few joys in Andrew's life are Christian camps for deaf people, organized by LTS graduates. This is the only place, where he feels safe outside his home. His dad knows that nobody would hurt his son here, so he gladly lets us take Andrew with us to the camp. The young man participates in all activities that he can handle and is so happy every time, when he does something good.

Having memory problems, Andrew cannot memorize or remember a lot of information, but he remembers that Jesus loves him. When he sees someone sad or discouraged, he comes, touches their shoulder and says, "What's up? Don't be sad, Jesus loves you!" This is such a good example that you don't have to be healthy and strong to tell other people about God's love. Dear reader, next time you are feeling down, think of Andrew's situation.



This is but a week in the lives of 15 children, 2 mothers and 3 organizers. You, dear donor created a moment of sheer bliss – giving them a time of rest from their constant stress, allowing to improve their health and well-being, giving them a chance to see that peace does exist in the rest of the country and that above all there is a Creator who loves them and provided for them in the form of a week of summer camp.

LTS (Lviv Theological Seminary) held a day camp geared specifically to deaf children and share this testimony of Andrew, a 17 year old who is deaf, has cerebral palsy and other issues. Before age of 5, Andrew couldn't walk and the doctors said that he would be just a "vegetable", not able to move at all. But his parents didn't give up. They worked so hard and tried to do everything possible to help



PARTNER PROFILE

DMITRY LEMESHKO

One of our most recent (and youngest partners) is a young man who lives with his mother, brothers and sisters. He is a builder by profession, but his heart is in conducting social work. "Why?" we ask of him, and his answer is "because we experienced those difficulties ourselves!" Read his story here.

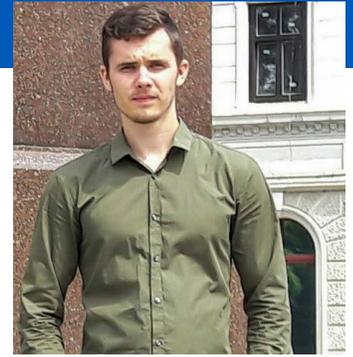
My family and I serve God and do social work in Ukraine in the city of Lutsk. Our main ministry is feeding people on the streets. We do this 2 times a week serving hot meals and distributing bread to 100 to 140 people a week. We also serve children and adolescents, go to orphanages, children's rehabilitation centers and boarding schools.

We help displaced children from the ATO zone, children from poor families and those from disadvantaged families. We run children's camps, every Wednesday and Saturday and hold teenage meetings bringing children together and telling them about Jesus Christ!

We have opened a social free gym! Here children and adolescents can work out for free and we are grateful for Master's assistance in renting the premises. I also want to express my gratitude from the children who were in our teenage day camp! The children are very grateful, and I want to write you some stories!

The first story about a girl D, she is 16 years old and her 10 year old brother. These children are from a poor family. A year ago they began to come to eat and receive bread at our feeding service. Over time they began to come to teenage meetings at our office and this summer they were in our children's camp, which your foundation supported! Thank you very much! The life of D and K changed! They began to rejoice! Tomorrow we will buy everything they

need for their education at school - notebooks, diaries, backpacks. Now D is helping us with the feeding service! Thank God!



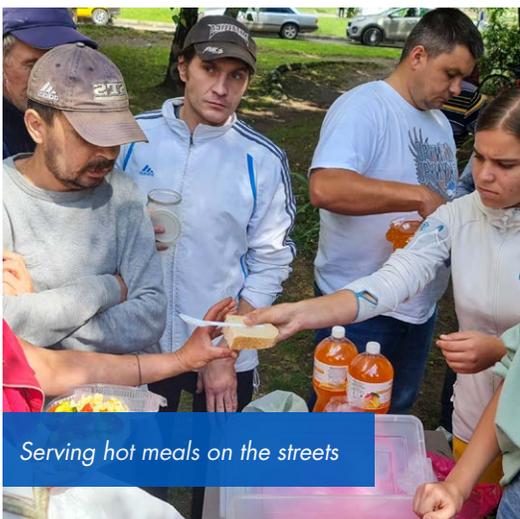
The next story is about the boy Dima, an eleven years old who is a displaced person from Lugansk ATO zone. In 2014, they fled from the occupied territory. Dima was very pleased to be in our children's camp. For Dima the main thing is to know that he is under protection. Dima loved the Bible lessons and delicious food!

Veronica is 12 years old and is from Crimea, also an occupied territory. She recalls when everything was fine, and suddenly they needed to leave urgently. Veronica really wanted to go to the children's camp, but there was no money to pay, and when she learned that we were holding a free camp, she was very happy! The week in the camp flew by like one day. Veronica liked the master classes on making sweets.

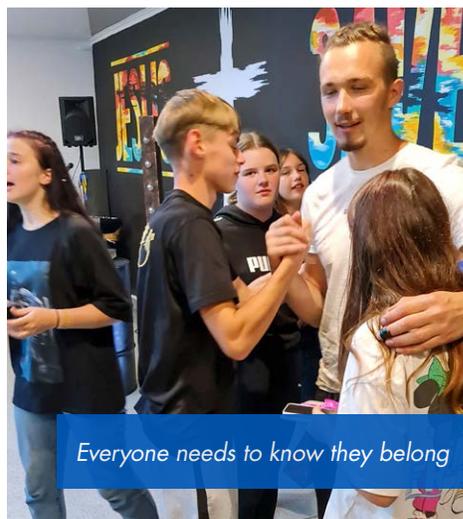
Every child is grateful! All are waiting for the next summer to be in the camp together again, to feel the love of God and to know their significance! Our team is very grateful to you for supporting the children at this difficult time for all! Every day the children in the camp prayed and blessed you, our dear partners!

Tomorrow we will buy the stationery and give it to the children-displaced persons from the ATO zone, a boarding school and to a children's rehabilitation center! Thank you very much for your support and may the Lord bless you!

Best regards, Dima, children and team.



Serving hot meals on the streets



Everyone needs to know they belong



Happy with school supplies

OTHER NEWS

In the east our Ark Church family continues to reach out to the community while continuing the construction of the church building. A summer camp was held for the children, bread distribution continues at every Sunday service and the reaching out to needy people in their homes with prayer, food kits and conversation also continues. Pastor Andrew wrote "We were encouraged to pray more and stand in the gap for some long unresolved issues. We held two morning services of four hours each, praying and worshipping and inviting everyone to openly share their needs before the Lord. We already see the answers from Him."

Rev. Gene Clarke of the Master's Foundation will be speaking at the Bonnyville Pentecostal Church on Sunday AM October 31, 2021.



One of our visits was to a woman who was injured by wreckage from a projectile. She underwent surgery but now one leg is shorter, and she can't move about freely except with a cane. She was so happy to see us as she can't come to church on her own.



Needy people are grateful to receive a food kit but even more to hear the gospel message, to have someone understand their needs and to pray for them.



This group completed the Alpha course where they learned the basics of the Christian faith and in doing so built relationships with each other. These meeting unified the group and spurred them to plan for water baptism and for forming a home group.



About 100 people line up outside ARK church to receive medicine, glasses and other assistance for those in need. The City Assistance Center and the Christian Medical Association provided the services.