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MARCH 2022 Pray for More UPDATE



"Praise be to the Lord, for he showed me the wonders of his love when I was in a city under siege."
Psalms 31:21

Dear friends,

"Pray for More" takes on a whole new meaning this month in the context of the invasion of Ukraine. Here are four requests related to the conflict that you can pray for and share with others:

- Pray for peace and that the loss of innocent human life will cease. Pray that a ceasefire is agreed on quickly.
- Pray for protection of believers and that God would give them strength to be faithful to Him.
- Pray that people in crisis will find comfort in Christ, and peace in His protective hand.
- Pray that borders and neighbors will be open to refugees, and that they will show Jesus' love to those fleeing.

Our hearts are breaking for the people of **Ukraine**. OM is already responding to this crisis, both inside Ukraine and in neighboring countries. OM teams are strategically located near border areas of Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Moldova. They are staffed and have relationships with local church partners willing to be involved. OM is working alongside these churches to welcome the steady flow of refugees as they cross the border and help provide shelter, food, encouragement, essential goods, and basic health care. The number of Ukrainian refugees is expected to increase 10-fold in the coming days as the invasion intensifies.

Eugen, OM's Field Director in Moldova, said: *"I've never been so proud to be a Moldovan as I am today. People from all over the country jumping to help the refugees from Ukraine. While coming back from the border while helping the refugees, I stopped at a bakery to ask if they would bake 1000 "placinte" (a savory pie) to take to the refugees tomorrow. They told me that tomorrow they don't work, but when they found out it's for the refugees, they quickly called another bakery and got together over 300 of them and gave them for free to us to take to the border tomorrow. I'm grateful to this country and the help they provide to our neighbors. Tomorrow is another day!"*

Results from Prayer

Spotlight Region Zoom Calls: We had 10 church partners join the first two calls focused on the North Caucasus. We are following up with each church to see how they can help this field.

Project Funding: We received several significant gifts for the work in Afghanistan and India over the past month. God continues to draw Afghans into Kingdom conversations and in India the Good Shepherd Schools have received permission to open all schools with their upcoming new school year, starting in April 2022.

Requests for Prayer

Spotlight Region Zoom Calls: Pray for the next series of Zoom calls which will focus on the Himalayan Region. *Pray for a few more leaders to sign up and for new partnerships to result from these calls.*

New Staff Member: Pray for God to confirm the right person to join our Church Connections staff as we start the recruiting process this month.

Project Funding: Pray for a generous response from the 150 church partners we have sent proposals to regarding the work among Ukrainian refugees.

Personal Prayer Request:

Rita has made the transition from chemotherapy to oral hormone treatment and seems to be adapting well to this new regimen. *We would be grateful for your prayers for minimal side effects and for us to be able to resume a more normal lifestyle.* 😊

May the Lord continue His work in and through your life as you walk with Him and serve Him each day.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Keith & Rita

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