Podpora Europa

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Ukrainian Resilience and Hope

We made another trip into Ukraine in late January, taking a small team with aid and supplies. There were several stops (Lviv, Kyiv, Tarashcha, Tel'ne), each time restocking the van with food and medicine for partners who are distributing the aid to the most vulnerable. Encouragement, however, was our most important delivery.

In Lviv we stopped to encourage friends (pastors) who left their home in Kyiv soon after the war began. Their friends (and kids' friends) had moved away, scattering to different countries and cities. Imagine this for a minute. All the people you know, those who have lived near you and have been in your friend group for years, many who

also go to your church, are now gone. So these pastors also left everything behind to find a safer city. They are now serving others (refugees) in Lviv and surrounding villages. Because of your generous giving, we were able to bless this family with an EcoFlo portable power station - allowing them to keep the control circuit of the gas heater on (and running) when electricity is not available!

In Tel'ne (south of Kyiv), pastors have established a base from which to make weekly trips into the Donbas area where aid (and the hope of Christ) is being handed out to (mostly older) refugees who are reluctant to leave the homes they have lived in all their life.



Thank you for continuing to stand with us as we stand with those helping and supporting the "least of these". Please stay connected to our blog ... <u>https://www.podporaeuropa.org/ukraine</u> ... for more on our work in Ukraine.

Emotional Health for FMI Europe & MENACA Global Workers

As a natural follow-on to the 2022 combined FMI Europe/MENACA Training, we are leading the 8-week Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (EHS) Course. Having taken groups from City Church International and Young Life Czech through the course over the past two years, we always receive new challenges, convictions, and blessings each time we do it. We are praying there will be meaningful and lasting rhythm changes for all of us!

Got Matrasses or Wheels? (hint ... we're head'n for ya!)

We are coming to the USA (Southern California May 16 - June 5 / Pacific Northwest June 6 - 26) and will need a few places to stay and some transportation. If you can provide either, will you reach out to us? Face-to-face connections with family and friends are very important to us, so we want to see as many of you as possible. Be watching for details about planned open houses. If you're not able to be at one, but would still like to connect, please let us know how we might get together!

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