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“We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia...begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints.”
—II Corinthians 8: 1 & 4

Plans for Using the Ukraine Crisis Funds

by David Nakhla, Administrator for the OPC Committee on Diaconal Ministries
Five countries, nine days, ten organizations; a whirlwind trip, to be certain! My travelling companion, Rich Bout, URCNA Missions Coordinator, and I were quickly made aware of the deep appreciation of the people of Ukraine for the love, concerns, prayers, and encouragement from afar. The value of the communion of the saints cannot be under-estimated.

In Krakow, we met with several members of the Mission to the World (MTW) team, now displaced by the war, having served in church-planting in L’viv, Ukraine, alongside OPC missionaries, Heero and Anya Hacquebord. At the outset of the war, many of the missionary families left their homes in L’viv due to, among other things, the trauma inflicted upon them and their children by the continual missile warning sirens. These missionaries have temporarily resettled in Airbnb lodging 200 miles west in Krakow, Poland. PCA minister and team leader, Doug Shepherd, has been separated from his wife, Masha, and their children for much of the past three months, spending a great deal of time back in L’viv, coordinating relief efforts there.

We had the privilege to witness firsthand, on behalf of the body of Christ in each place, a consistently generous and gracious outpouring of love, compassion, and mercy. We witnessed, first-hand, the warm welcome and care the Ukrainian refugees have received in each country: Hungary, Poland, Lithuania, and Italy. During our visit to the fifth country on our journey, Slovakia, (our route to drive from Hungary to Poland) a Polish man reported that Ukrainians were being welcomed into Poland as if they were adopted as a province! Surely, the Lord is gracious!

With considerable donations available, much discernment is required, so as not to overwhelm the good work that is currently being carried out. Following the lessons of the now go-to book on the subject of charity,

“When Helping Hurts”, we need to ask ourselves, how do we help without hurting? In this instance, we need to consider how to best aid the good labors of the indigenous churches as they seek to faithfully carry out their responsibility with the resources the Lord has entrusted to them, without overwhelming those good labors.

Please know that those on the ground in and near Ukraine rely on the prayers lifted daily on their behalf. Please don’t stop praying and don’t forget Ukraine.

[Read the full article on the Disaster Response Website.](#)



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**NEW OPPORTUNITY
English 4 Kids—Quebec**

Help is needed for Summer English Camp for Kids. For more information [contact Olivia Durham directly.](#)

The Uganda Mission

• **Immediate short-term need** – Facilities Engineer in Karamoja, Uganda.

• **Long-term help is needed as well.**

Please contact Douglas Clawson directly: douglas.clawson@opc.org.

Boardwalk Chapel, NJ

A limited number of staff openings are available. Contact the Chapel: boardwalkchapel@gmail.com.

Serve in Ukraine

Mission To the World (PCA) continues to take applications to gather information about interest in possible trips to Ukraine.

Looking for Help in Tornado-Damaged Kentucky

A schedule is being put together for August, but help is still needed through the summer months. If you are interested in assisting with response efforts in Kentucky, please contact [Rob Brinks](#).

Go to our website for more information. OPCDisasterResponse.org.

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