

SUMMER 2023

UPDATE



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Mulberry is looking for Board Members

Mulberry's Board of Directors is looking for new members! If you have a passion for God's mission in Ukraine and are willing to render your unique skills and gifts to serve marginalized Ukrainian children and families, contact us!

For more information and qualifications, please email: info@mulberryinternational.org

Please pray for:

- The war and human suffering to end in Ukraine.
- Wisdom and protection for our workers and volunteers on the field.
- New ministry opportunities as we explore new regions to help displaced Ukrainians.

Praises:

- First summer camp for Good Samaritan Children's Home was a blessing to kids, staff and the American team!
- Baptisms for new believers at our outreaches this summer!



Good Samaritan's Summer Camp

In June, our team of 15 Americans and 5 Ukrainians came to rural Germany to conduct our first summer camp for Good Samaritan Children's Home in evacuation. Twenty-nine children and 14 staff members were blessed by the love and care given by our team.

The kids learned American sports and games, did fun crafts, ate American dishes and learned worship songs in English. We took them to a water park, a ropes course and Go-cart park. The children had a blast! Ukrainians and Americans formed meaningful friendships that we hope will last a lifetime.

The staff had an opportunity to just rest and do some self-care. They have been constantly working and caring for the children for the last year and a half. They needed some respite! We brought a massage therapist who worked on tired muscles and ailments of our precious adults. They were rejuvenated and encouraged.





Back To School Fund

In Ukraine, the school year starts on September 1st. Although one fourth of Ukraine is occupied and a half of the country is under constant shelling, the school will start no matter what. Ukrainians refuse to be defeated on the battle ground and in their hearts and minds. Ukrainians continue to fight: either on the front lines, or working to sustain their economy, or going to school.

This year we need to raise **\$4,700 for our Back 2 School Fund**. We want to bless 100 Ukrainian children in need with school supplies, uniforms and shoes. Will you consider donating to cover any of these needs?

- **\$2,000** will cover all school needs for 20 school children at Good Samaritan Children’s Home in Germany (\$100/child).
- **\$1,500** will provide for 40 school children in need in Ukraine: \$500 for the school supplies, \$500 for the uniform and \$500 for the shoes.
- **\$1,200** will take care of the school needs of 40 displaced and refugee children in other regions (\$30/child).



Surviving the War in Ukraine

Since the beginning of 2023, our ministry in Ukraine grew. We now minister in **FIVE different towns** through local churches and outreaches. In addition, our teammates regularly deliver humanitarian supplies to two areas of Ukraine that experienced the most destruction: **Donetsk and Kherson regions**.

After the **Kakhovka Dam exploded on June 6th**, a horrible flood covered the southern portion of Ukraine. Dozens of towns and villages were completely submerged under water.

Contaminated waters brought silt, dirt and bacteria to the region. House structures gave in and walls, roofs and smaller dwellings collapsed. People lost their homes and possessions, as well as all sources of potable water.

Our workers have been bringing humanitarian aid, water, generators and supplies to build temporary housing for people whose houses have been destroyed. In addition, we need to prepare displaced and homeless families for the coming winter. We need funds for firewood and other essentials to help devastated families in the south survive the aftermath of the flood and winter. **\$400 will provide firewood for a single family for the entire winter. Will you help a family survive the cold this year?** You can donate by check or online.

Below are the pictures of the devastation of the Kherson region and help we have been providing to the people in need.

Your support is bringing sustenance and HOPE to Ukrainians!

