

Sharing Christ. Alleviating Suffering.

## BRIDGING THE GAP

Ukraine is in its THIRD year of war. It is hard to imagine that Ukrainians have been enduring constant shelling, bombing, destruction and loss for so long! When we look at the abundance of blessings we have in the United States, we realize that we should not take all these good things for granted. Wars and calamities around the world remind us that we cannot hold onto earthly treasures and that our hope is in the eternal Kingdom of God.

There is so much talk about Ukraine in the news today. No matter your political position on helping Ukraine at the governmental level, we are all commanded by God to defend the oppressed, take up the cause of the fatherless and plead the case of the widow (Isaiah 1:17). Jesus urges us to look after orphans and widows in their distress (James 1:27).

Together, we are helping widows, orphans and distressed Ukrainians. We know their names, we see their faces, and we know their stories. Your support reaches real people on the ground and makes a personal, eternal difference for them.

## SHARING CHRIST

Consider little Dasha. She barely remembers her mom, who couldn't take care of her and her two siblings and left them at the Good Samaritan Children's Home. Dasha never knew her dad. However, she now knows her Heavenly Father and feels safe and loved in a caring environment at the children's home.



Look at Katerina. Her husband died 16 years ago, her children fled the country, and she was left alone in the badly shelled town of Bakhmut. She was evacuated in March 2023. She lost everything. Katerina experienced the effects of shelling and raids, traveling across the country and staying in people's houses for months until she reached safety. Now she is being taken care by our volunteers and hears the Gospel every time she receives aid.



We share the hope of Christ & alleviate the suffering of Ukrainians by building the capacity of Christian ministry partners & by empowering churches to fulfill the

## **GREAT COMMISSION.**

Since the full scale invasion in February 2022, Mulberry has been working alongside Ukrainian volunteers churches and minister to displaced people and refugees. We grew from four regional hubs to SEVEN ministry centers in different parts of Ukraine in the last two years. In addition, Mulberry provides care for 29 children from the Christian Children's Home, Good Samaritan, who have been evacuated from Mariupol, Ukraine to rural Germany. On average, we are providing humanitarian aid to about 1,700 people in Ukraine every month!

And these numbers are growing. In October, we learned of the influx of internally displaced families in our hub in the southwestern corner of Ukraine. They pleaded for help and we couldn't turn them away. We used to minister to 150 internally displaced people there. Now this number has grown to 450!

All of Mulberry's ministry centers in Ukraine have experienced surging prices along with a growing number of people coming to us for help. We don't look at this as a budget problem; we take it as a big opportunity.



This is exactly why Mulberry exists: to alleviate the suffering of Ukrainians while sharing Christ with them. We believe we must step out in faith to help all these desperate people. We have faithful Ukrainian staff and volunteers who are selflessly pouring themselves out to minister to thousands of people! All they need is more resources. We acknowledge that God owns all the resources in the world. We are extending this opportunity to YOU to participate in building God's Kingdom in Ukraine through giving and prayer.





We have been following God's leading and continued to minister to more displaced, at-risk and marginalized people in Ukraine this year. In June, we finished our fiscal year with an \$80,000 deficit. Our 2024-25 budget year started in July and **we need at least \$70,000** to continue to operate at the same capacity.

Would you consider partnering with us to help us <u>bridge this gap?</u>
Would you *prayerfully* join our mission to <u>alleviate suffering and share Christ?</u>
Please consider donating any amount that is meaningful for you.

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