

**Dear UkraineAid ministry friend!**

A heartfelt thank you for your help and support to the nation of Ukraine in 2024 from their fathers, mothers, and families! We have great expectations for 2025. We hope that the war and suffering will finally end this year from Russia's destructive and repeated airstrikes and hostilities.

The challenges are great. The significant loss of life among the men of Ukraine has left many homes without fathers, husbands, and children. There are many severely injured people. Support from abroad will be needed for a long time. Together with you, we have had the opportunity to provide considerable help to families in Ukraine. They have survived harsh, indescribable atrocities.



In 2024, we facilitated aid for many families who would not have survived this long without help. Challenges do lie ahead. We have experienced protection many times along the way. Our warehouse and logistic centers in Kyiv and Zaporizhzhia have narrowly escaped Russian missiles.

Our staff who were recently outside our Kyiv warehouse and logistics center escaped certain death when a Russian attack drone flying directly at the main warehouse building veered off a second before reaching its target. The men heaved huge sighs of relief, stating that if they didn't already believe in God, they would now. Almighty God's protection was evident at that moment.

The overall situation in Ukraine is still very difficult. Russia strikes electricity distribution centers, often just days or weeks after repair work has been completed. Many power plants and distribution centers can now only be partially repaired.

On February 7th, Russian missile and drone strikes hit power generation and distribution centers once again across the country. Rotating blackouts have taken effect in eight regions of Ukraine. Regions included in the official announcement are Kharkiv, Sumy, Donetsk, Poltava, Zaporizhzhia, Kirovohrad, Dnipropetrovsk, and Cherkasy.

As a result of the missile strikes, the distribution of drinking water, access to sewage systems and disposal, sanitary conditions for health and hygiene, heating homes, hot water, cooking, and washing laundry have all been interrupted in Ukraine's energy distribution centers. In Russia's devastating missile attack on the city of Zaporizhzhia at the end of January, about 200 buildings were damaged, including the interior of the Orthodox church belonging to the Moscow Patriarchate.

The explosion affected apartment buildings and stores about 150 meters away from where the missile landed. After the explosion, a pressure wave hurled concrete blocks weighing more than 100 kilos at buildings, causing great devastation.



We stopped in Zaporizhzhia, where we met with Mariupol parish men who defended towns and villages in the backwood areas. It warmed my heart to see how grateful the men were as they received stoves, sleeping bags, footwear, wool socks, clothing, and boxes of oatmeal (a favorite) among the food supplies. Artillery fire explosions could be heard all the while outside.



While there, Russia once again struck Ukraine's electricity and gas distribution centers, causing massive destruction. The President's office reported that only a third of Ukraine's electricity production capacity remained. Cold winter weather has set in, with intensifying frosts.

In larger cities, diesel generators secure the flow of electricity. Sizeable generators built into shipping containers have been received from abroad for hospitals and important administrative buildings for the public.

In smaller towns and villages, however, the situation is different. The wood-burning stoves have been a lifeline for many. In addition to being a heat source, the stove serves as a surface for cooking.



*Photos: This children's Bible was found in the apartment that had been bombed. The doors were hanging off their hinges, and windows had blown out from the blast. Even though the apartment building itself was inhabitable, there wasn't a single scratch on the children's picture Bible. The exterior of the building had large holes from the missile strikes and artillery fire.*

**UN's recommendation in providing Aid**

As a reminder, according to the UN, the most effective way to help Ukraine is financial support. Purchases can be made in-country, saving on transportation and customs fees.

**Let's do this together**

Ukraine needs our support this winter and the spring ahead. Without a source of heat, conditions for survival quickly die out.

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### Three long years of war on February 24, 2025!

The Russian invasion of Ukraine began on February 24, 2022. In three years, more than 40,000 people have died, and 370,000 have been wounded. Ukrainians still need spiritual and humanitarian help. We want to stand by Ukraine for as long as it takes.

Once again, a big and warm thank you for your support of the people of Ukraine. We wish you good health, strength, and God's blessings for 2025!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hannu Haukka".

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