

PROJECT NO: 102803

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Ukraine



Hope Amidst Fear

Overview

This project is aimed at supporting Ukrainian people with God's word, as they seek comfort and encouragement experiencing horrors of a large-scale, violent war.

The Need

Ukraine is going through a period of unseen darkness and desperation in its modern history — thousands have been killed, cities and towns are ruined, people under occupation experience terrible violence and inhumane treatment. In many areas, a humanitarian catastrophe exists, where people are deprived of basic things like drinking water, food and access to medical treatment. There is no safe place in the whole country as rockets have been hitting even its furthest areas. It is the war for the very existence of Ukrainian nation and state. This war has also affected the nation economically: towards the end of 2022, over 40% population lost their jobs or stable income.

Amidst this, overwhelming spiritual mobilization is occurring in Ukraine. Churches and Christian organizations are actively involved in helping people, bringing supplies to the frontline areas, offering shelter, psychological help and sharing the Gospel in full confidence that this is the only truth that can guide the nation through this valley of darkness. Bible Society Ukraine workers are seeing unprecedented interest in the Bible: every day, pastors and priests call or visit our offices and ask for free Scriptures as they reach out to people living next to the frontlines, to the military and their families, and even to those further away but being filled with fear and desperation.



> 10m

people living in Ukraine are now left internally displaced.

> 8.08m

people left Ukraine seeking refuge in neighbouring countries as of Feb 2023.

> 40%

of the population lost their jobs or stable income by the end of 2022.

> 7,000

deaths of civilians in Ukraine during the war as of February 2023.

Goals

The goal of this project is to provide Scriptures to individuals and especially churches who aim to bring the comforting and encouraging message of God's love to Ukrainian people amidst a time of war. The project will focus the Bible distribution on four main areas: frontline areas, recently freed territories, occupied territories and the rest of the country where displaced people and those affected with the war live.

This project aims to reach various audiences — children, youth, adults and elderly people — all who feel fear and uncertainty at this time and are looking for hope.

From January to March 2023, planning for the project will take place, as they prepare the Scriptures for distribution and plan production and delivery early in the year. From January to November, Bible distribution and project visits will take place. An evaluation and

reporting of the project is planned by the end of the year.

This project aims to distribute around 150,500 Bibles for various audiences would be distributed which includes 39,500 regular Bibles, 11,000 youth Bibles, 52,000 New Testament and 48,000 children's Bibles.

Impact

So far, in 2022, the estimated number of people impacted by this project is at 119,000. Bible Society Ukraine expect that at least two people will be impacted by every copy of Scripture distributed, as they are shared with family, friends and neighbours. The total number of people this project aims to impact for 2023 is 301,000.

Through this project, Bible Society Ukraine hopes to continue supporting Ukrainian individuals and churches in an attempt to bring message of hope, peace and encouragement to people living in Ukraine. This is a unique opportunity as people are in desperate need in certainty and firm ground — something God, through his word, freely offers.

Testimonies

"I want to express my gratefulness for all the support. [The Scriptures] printed for us have been a blessing — the New Testaments, the Gospels, the Word of Hope book. These have been excellent for people on the move who can't take much with them."

Anatoliy, Deputy General Secretary of Bible Society Ukraine.

Anatoly also remarks as volunteers have been helping to man Bible Society offices and warehouses, "It is not about heroism — staying in Kyiv and keeping the Bible House open — but about the message being sent to our partners that we are together, that we support them, and we rely on God."

Prayer Needs

- Please pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia, pray for the governments involved, for the military, for churches and individuals, and for Bible Society.
- Pray for the staff at Bible Society Ukraine and project partners who would be implementing this project and following up with all those who receive Scriptures to lead them on their journey with God.

