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BREADtrust Ukraine update 2025

What is BREADtrust?

In 1995 Pam Baker, a member of Barnabas, visited Ukraine on a church mission trip. Whilst in Makeevka, eastern Ukraine, she struck up a friendship with leaders and members of Rhema church who had recently committed themselves to help the poorest members of their community by starting a feeding programme. Barnabas church then started to help Rhema church with this programme. Then in 1997 BREADtrust was launched as a new charity to develop this work across Eastern Europe and elsewhere through strategic partnerships with local churches to deliver feeding programmes and other forms of humanitarian aid.

These churches were largely in Eastern Ukraine, and after the outbreak of hostilities with Russia in 2014, most of the pastors had to flee to the west of the country where they (and others) have set up a number of new churches sharing the same vision (see details below).

After the Russian invasion of 2022, the humanitarian needs have escalated, and the churches across Ukraine are reaching out to local people and internally displaced people (IDPs) through the distribution of humanitarian aid in their local area. For example, in Kyiv, the church is running a soup kitchen (pictured) with support from BREADtrust.



BREADtrust pioneered an emergency accommodation project for IDPs who have had to flee their homes because of the war. Thousands of Ukrainian people have been supported through the work of BREADtrust, outworked through the church ministries across the country.

As the churches continue their social action work, they are greatly encouraged that many who receive this support are then attending church services, youth and children's groups, and Alpha courses. They give glory to God for the work He is doing.

Here is a message from Igor, who oversees the work:

“For many families, the help of the Accommodation Project brings significant impact. The economy in Ukraine has deteriorated during the war, with prices rising for everything: clothes, food, fuel, and housing rental. It is very hard for people, who are left with almost nothing, to cover such amounts. That is why IDPs are very grateful for the help with rent. We are deeply thankful to everyone involved in this project, everyone who donates their resources to help IDPs. This help makes people especially open to hearing the Word of God. People come to the Sunday service with pleasure and interest. For many of them, it is the first time in their lives that they have ever been to church. Many of them have a desire to return to the church again, and accept Christ as their Saviour.

We express our gratitude for your help in covering the rent of our warehouses. Without these funds it would be very difficult, almost impossible, to carry out humanitarian work, which is the first step in meeting and helping displaced people.

We also thank you for your help in covering transport needs. Social work requires a lot of trips by bus (we are looking for help like clothes and food in various humanitarian hubs across Ukraine). There are fewer and fewer of these hubs across the country. We deliver all this help to our centres in different cities. These are long distances between the cities (Kyiv, Kropyvnytskyi, Kharkiv and Rakhiv).”

Here are reports of what is happening in the different churches:

House of Prayer for All Nations, Rakhiv

Yosyp (Josef) and Olesia

- Humanitarian Aid centre: food, clothing and hygiene supplies
- Accommodation project for internal refugees
- Future plans: a centre of recovery and social adaptation for the veterans of war



Gospel of God's Grace Church, Kyiv

Victor and Polina

- Humanitarian Aid centre: food, clothing and hygiene supplies
- Warehousing, storage and distribution of aid to other cities in the network
- Accommodation project for internal refugees
- Saturday soup kitchen
- Youth club
- Alpha courses



Church of the Living God, Vasytkiv and Hostomel

Vitalii and Olena

- Humanitarian Aid centre: food, clothing and hygiene supplies
- Spiritual support and assistance

God's Grace Church, Kyiv

Oleh and Tetiana

- Humanitarian Aid centre: food, clothing and hygiene supplies
- Accommodation project for the internal refugees
- Teenage Club
- Programmes for the internal refugees





House of God's Grace Church, Kropyvnytskyi *Igor and Tania*

- Humanitarian Aid centre: food, clothing and hygiene supplies
- Accommodation project for the internal refugees
- Children's ministry
- Teenager's ministry
- Youth ministry
- Humanitarian Aid centre in Kharkiv and planting of a new church is planned there

Eastern churches

We are connected with some churches in the Russian-occupied Eastern part of Ukraine who have gone underground. They hold fast to their faith, despite extremely challenging circumstances. BREADtrust continues to support them when able, especially in prayer. We continue to support those in the West as they help those in need, with food, clothes, medicines and accommodation.



Vasylkiv - Olena delivering aid



Kropyvnytskyi Humanitarian aid

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