

Humanitarian Trip to Ukraine

Dear friends of Ukraine,

We wanted to let you know that we will be undertaking a humanitarian trip to Ukraine from May 4 to May 21, 2026. This will be our fourth such journey and we continue to be impressed with the resilience and resolve of the Ukrainian people. Our friends in Lviv, working with the Source of the Revival of Ukraine Foundation, have told us that the situation is particularly difficult right now due to the damage caused by the Russian attacks to the electrical and heating infrastructure.

For this trip we will be travelling with Vincent Rees from Cobblestone Freeway Tours and another returning volunteer from Australia. Vincent is the founder of the Cobblestone Freeway Foundation, the sister organization of the Source of the Revival of Ukraine Foundation, here in Canada.

As we undertake another journey, we are open to and sincerely grateful for any monetary and/or prayer support you may wish to provide to us. As this is essentially person to person giving and no large Canadian organizations are involved, we regret that income tax receipts cannot be provided for any monetary donations.

As some of their various humanitarian initiatives, the Source of the Revival of Ukraine Foundation, provides support to St Mary's School for the Hearing Impaired in Lviv. It also purchases and assembles aid packages for families in the war torn East and South of Ukraine. We will be continuing to support these initiatives with any monetary donations that we receive from donors. We have attached some photos illustrative of our work from previous humanitarian journeys.

Photo one shows our work with the packing of household aid packages for civilian families. Photo two is just one of the many thank you responses that we have received.

The Source of the Revival of Ukraine Foundation has a long-standing relationship supporting St Mary's School for the Hearing Impaired. Donations to the School are used to support a variety of needs including the funding of art therapy classes. In Photo three, Susan is receiving a very special gift! Also, on our 2025 trip, contributions from our donors were used to enable two orphan boys to attend specialized camps over the summer. Other children, attending the school, had left for the summer holidays; however, with no family, these two boys would have stayed at the school during the summer months. With the boys away for the summer, donor contributions also gave their teachers a well - deserved summer break.

Thanks to help from others, we have been truly blessed to assist in these very small ways. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have questions or require additional information. (p.charko@sympatico.ca).

With Love and blessings,
Phil and Susan

A little about us:

Phil Charko and Susan Burns-Simpson are retired federal public servants and long-time members of St. Aidan's Anglican Church in Elmvale Acres. We are active in Parish Outreach activities and are busy preparing for our fourth humanitarian trip to Ukraine.



PHOTO 1

We packed 50 boxes of household supplies and food to be sent to villagers in need in the war torn South and the East of the country.



Photo 3 - A Special gift.