



MINISTERING to FAMILIES in CRISIS in UKRAINE

Update - April, 2021

Dear friends, thank you for your prayers and support of ministry to families in crisis in Ukraine. We are doing our best to serve children and their parents in spite of the war and Covid-19 situations. Below is a brief ministry update and prayer needs.

WAR in UKRAINE

It's been 7 years since Ukraine was pulled into the war situation at its eastern border. Even though the (new) border has not moved during last 5 years, the shelling continues. Every day a few people die, mostly soldiers, but not only. Last month the situation got worse. More shelling, more deaths... The enemy pulled together lots of military equipment close to the border of Ukraine. There is a danger of intervention. Zaporozhye is located only 200 km from the border where the war is happening. Please, pray that God breaks evil plots against our nation and grants us peace.

COVID-19 situation in UKRAINE

While everybody is tired of wearing masks and being on social isolation, many countries are succeeding with providing vaccination for their people. Unfortunately, Ukraine is at the very bottom of list of countries on vaccination rate. It is more a political problem, which doesn't make it any easier for people. Even though the COVID-19 related death rate is low, some people we know got infected second time. Please, pray for physical strength, protection and changes in the health system of Ukraine.

MINISTRY to FAMILIES in CRISIS

Despite the external challenges we are facing, New Hope Center team continues to serve families in crises. Up to the end of March we were able to meet with families in person to provide group therapy for 80 parents and children on weekly basis. In the beginning of April, Zaporozhye got into so-called "red quarantine zone". We had to move most of our activities with families online. Online meetings work (more or less:) for the adults \ parents, but not with kids. So, we resumed producing short videos for the kids to help them gain useful skills or do activities with their parents. By the way, we have a great media team! Here is an example of such video – [How to make a parrot?](#)



Also, in May we began providing individual family consultations. Four of our staff having degrees in psychology are using their knowledge and counseling skills to help tackle individual challenges family members are facing, both adults and kids. We hope, that individual counseling will bring a deeper healing to families addressing the root causes of the problems they experience in their family and social lives.

PRAYER NEEDS

Please, pray for peace and health situations in Ukraine. Pray for families we serve that through all our activities they can experience God in a deep personal way. Pray for ministry team to have physical and emotional strength to keep doing what God called us to. Pray for family camp for 100 participants this Summer. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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