Ukraine Partnership Foundation

February 13, 2022

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers for UBTS at this uncertain time in Ukraine, and for asking how you can help. We have been in constant communication with Slavik Pyzh, president of UBTS. Here is what we know today:

- The dual threat of an invasion by Russian military forces and a still-high rate of COVID-19 infections have created an economic and psychological crisis throughout Ukraine. This has impacted citizens in Western Ukraine, where the Seminary is located, as well as those in the Russian-controlled areas of Eastern Ukraine.
- With anxiety high among people, including students, who share a feeling of isolation and abandonment by the world, UBTS is providing certainty in the midst of the uneasiness. Foremost, it is standing in witness to our ultimate certainty – our saving knowledge of and relationship with Jesus Christ. Further, UBTS assures its staff and students that they have the support of many American friends who are praying for and supporting them and will never abandon them.
- **UBTS classes will continue for as long as possible**, using the online, virtual learning capabilities that were developed during the pandemic. A new cohort communications system will provide weekly check-ins with students to supply updates and assistance.
- **UBTS is taking action now** to cope with the kind of instability they experienced in 2014 • when Russia invaded Eastern Ukraine and eventually annexed Crimea. This includes buying supplies while they are still available and preparing to provide housing and economic aid to students, their families, and as many displaced people as possible.

With time of the essence, UPF has already sent funds to UBTS from our reserves to begin the purchase of food staples, fuel for emergency generators, bedding, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies, as noted in the chart below. We also have established an Emergency Fund that UBTS will administer to assist displaced people who come to L'viv needing food, shelter and medical attention, as well as aid the UBTS students, staff, and graduates who will open their homes to refugees.

UPF is asking you, our faithful donors, to make the most generous gift you can – as soon as you can - to the Emergency Fund. UBTS needs our prayers and support more than ever during this uncertain time. Every dollar will be used to meet the needs that emerge from this crisis.

Use the following link to open a secure online form or send a check to the address below:

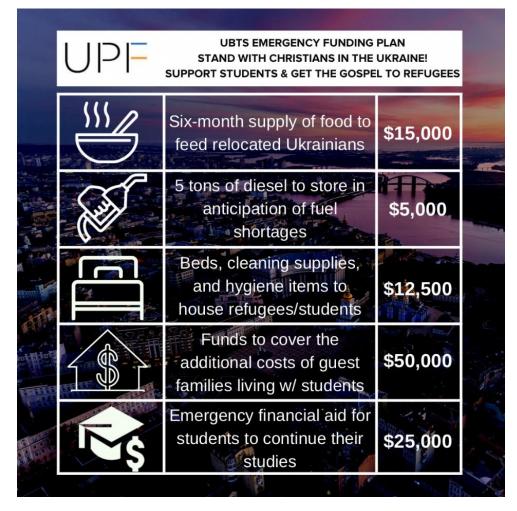
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In closing, some Good News that affirms God's work through UBTS. The staff and students recently helped the International Mission Board evacuate American missionaries who had gathered in L'viv before temporarily moving to near-by countries. Though it was unsettling to see many friends leave, staff and students rejoiced that they were able to assist their co-laborers in Christ.

On February 12, UBTS 's Young Leaders program held a virtual conference focusing on *Your Identity and Your Calling*, with featured speakers J.D. Greear, past President of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Alan Platt, President of the global City Changers organization. More than 1,600 young people from throughout Ukraine – 600 more than expected! – attended through local Round Table sessions. **Praise God! He is in control and His Kingdom Work is being done by UBTS**!

Thank you for your continuing prayers and support.

We will issue periodic updates as events in Ukraine unfold.

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