

# ELC Ukrainian Mission Update



As the war in Ukraine continues, our hope is to continue in helping Ukrainian refugees in partnership with the Lutheran Churches in Pribelce and Velky Krtis, Slovakia and Salvation Church in Uzhhorod, Ukraine.



There are currently around 50 refugees being housed long term in Pribelce and Velky Krtis, Slovakia and many more in Uzhhorod, Ukraine. Some refugees are housed in the Lutheran Church Center in Pribelce, some are housed with families, and some are staying in vacant apartments and houses of the church members of both Slovak and Ukrainian churches. All three churches are providing housing, transportation, help with paperwork and legal documents, food, clothing, school items and other necessities needed for daily life.

In addition to helping with these immediate needs, the Slovak churches are providing ways to help the refugee families to connect, network and to get to know each other. They do so through organizing social gatherings and events, and through organizing group day trips to explore and visit different places in Slovakia, a country they call their new home.



Our goal is to continue helping with daily costs as well as with the social and networking efforts. We believe such opportunities will help the families to feel welcomed, valued and truly cared for. Social opportunities will help them to stay connected and enable them to provide mutual support for each other. They also play an instrumental role in the overall healing process especially for the children and youth.

At this point all of these ministries are organized by the amazing and dedicated pastors of the three congregations, with the material help of their church members as well as with the financial support of ELC and those who donated to the Refugee Fund.

This August Pastor Drahus Oslik and his brother Miroslav Oslik will be traveling to Slovakia and Ukraine to visit our partner congregations. While there, they will be helping with continuous humanitarian efforts and refugee ministries. This trip will also enable them to assess the current situation and together with our Ukrainian and Slovakian friends, they will talk about future cooperation and partnership.



Thank you for all your support and everything you're doing for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. Your help is still very needed. If you'd like to continue in your financial support, you can donate at [www.elchome.org](http://www.elchome.org) by clicking on Give Online/Ukrainian Refugee Fund. Thank you once again for all your support! Slava Ukraini!