

ELC Ukrainian Mission Update



We are in continuous contact with our partner congregations in Slovakia as they continue to help the refugee families to integrate into their new home. There were several families that were able to return to Ukraine, but unfortunately some of them were forced to come back, after most recent attacks on the Kiev region. In addition to the returning families, there have been several new families that arrived to Velky Krtis region.

The churches are helping the families with finding jobs, enrolling children in schools, and providing medical support through taking them to the doctors or through mobile clinics. As the war in Ukraine continues, it is becoming more obvious that for some of the families it will not be possible to return back home anytime soon. With this reality, our focus is shifting towards helping the families to gain independence through finding suitable jobs and sufficient accommodations.



Even though most of the families are housed in vacant properties, there are still some who are staying with hosting families. Our goal is to help those families to find independent accommodations where they can start a new chapter of life. This requires purchasing appliances, beds and other furniture, plus anything else needed for daily living that has not been already donated by local people. Most of these efforts continue to be carried out by the dedicated pastors with the material and financial help of their church members as well as with the financial support of ELC and those who donated to the Refugee Fund.

As we have mentioned in the previous update, this August Pastor Drahos Oslik and his brother Miroslav Oslik will be traveling to Slovakia to visit our partner congregations. They are looking forward to meeting some of the new families as well as visiting with old friends. The best way to help those in need is through



spending time with them, engaging in conversation, hearing their stories, their struggles and joys, their present day challenges, but also their future dreams. Even though not in person, you all will be a part of those conversations.

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 by clicking on Give Online/Ukrainian Refugee Fund. Thank you once again for all your support! Slava Ukraini!