

ELC Ukraine Mission Update – August 2022

In August, Miroslav Oslik and Pastor Drahos Oslik made another trip to Slovakia to continue humanitarian efforts with our Slovak partners. The trip was very powerful and rewarding. It was great to reconnect with some of the refugee families who have now become our friends. Our main focus was to touch base with Slovak pastors and volunteers working with the families and assess the needs. Additionally, we worked together to do some hands on projects, and organize some fellowship opportunities for building relationships between refugee families.



Upon our arrival we realized very quickly that some of the families were still either living with their host families in private homes (for 6 full months), or that their accommodations weren't suitable for a long term stay. After our meeting with the Pastor couple Zuzana and Matej Alcnauer we worked to set up an additional room at the church center and equip it with bedroom furniture as well as better equip a small kitchen where the families do all their cooking. We were able to purchase some of the furniture and started the process of assembling it. The families living in the church center were very engaged and helpful. After a day of hard work, there were opportunities to catch up,

converse, and have some very needed fellowship time that gave everyone a sense of joy and normalcy.

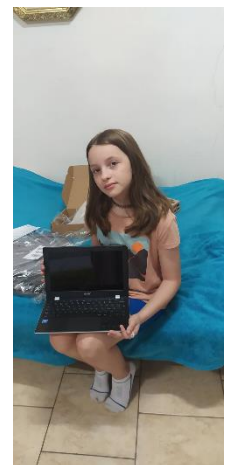


With the hot summer days, we were able to provide some time of fun and respite, which was especially appreciated by the teenagers. We were able to also provide some additional laptops for the kids. Their schooling is done mostly online.



In addition to our work in Pribelce, we were able to connect with Pastor couple Jan and Martina Ruman, who coordinate the humanitarian efforts in Velky Krtis. Most of the families in Velky Krtis were already placed in their own homes and apartments. The work in Velky Krtis consists mostly of various kinds of daily support: helping to furnish living areas, or fixing different things that need to be addressed. Some of the apartments weren't in use for some time and they needed

some TLC. The congregation in Velky Krtis has also a food bank and clothing bank that are available for the refugee families. They help with the day to day needs that arise, like assisting refugees with transportation, medical needs, any necessary paperwork, schooling arrangements, etc. It was an absolute honor to spend some time with them and see the incredible work they're doing helping our Ukrainian brothers and sisters.



Before our departure, we were able to distribute funds that will become a blood line for their continuous work. Thanks to all who contributed to these efforts! Lives of the Ukrainians forced to flee the horrors of war were impacted for the better by your contributions. Thank you and Slava Ukraini!

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