



102803 and 102834 – Ukraine
Project Fact Sheet 2022

Ukraine: Preserving Bible Work amidst a time of War

Overview

This project is supporting Ukrainian churches who are bringing comfort and encouragement to the people of Ukraine

at a time of war and uncertainty, both through the distribution of Scriptures and where possible, humanitarian aid.

The Need

Ukraine is going through incredibly dark and worrying times. Amidst war, fear and uncertainty are filling the whole nation.

The Ukrainian people still have fresh memories of heavy fighting in previous years that led to thousands lives lost and millions being displaced. Military conflict has persisted in Ukraine for eight years.

Every day brings continued shelling and growing numbers of casualties. The number of internally displaced people and refugees in neighbouring countries reached close to three million after less than three weeks of war. This stressful situation is aggravated by unstable internal politics, harsh economic challenges, and waves of the COVID pandemic which have led to many people experiencing fear, uncertainty, and stress.

Yet amidst of this, incredible spiritual mobilisation is taking place in Ukraine. People are desperately seeking hope, but it is so hard to find without knowing God.

Churches are fasting and praying and sharing the Gospel, fully confident that this is the only truth that can guide their nation through another valley of darkness. They are working with Bible Society to deliver Scriptures and the message of hope and comfort and courage to their people.

While working to preserve Bible ministry in their country, the Bible Society Ukraine team are facing enormous challenges: to their lives, to their vehicles, their property and their resources.

At the same time, all sales of Bibles have stopped, which increases the financial pressure. There is a desperate need to support Bible Society staff and volunteers, as they face loss and risk their lives. The staff need to be supported, as they are very much needed to strengthen Ukrainians in withstanding these dark times, and in the future to recover from this tribulation over the years to come.



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Project Goals

Bible Society Ukraine are reaching their people through two projects. The first project* is providing Scriptures to churches, who are bringing the comforting and encouraging message of God's love amidst a time of war.

Through the second project**, Bible Society is utilising their wide network of contacts among churches and other organizations to facilitate cooperation between those who have resources, and those who need them (i.e. Christian counsellors, relief organisations, etc.). In some cases, Bible Society is using

its unique position to provide humanitarian aid to those in need. Another goal of this project is to support Bible Society Ukraine staff, who are so desperately needed. This project aims to reach various audiences – children, youth, adults and elderly people – who all feel fear and uncertainty and are looking for hope.

The Bible Society Ukraine team are working with all their might, despite the inevitable risk to their lives, to maintain Bible work as their nation goes through one the darkest times in its history.

Impact

The total number of people the first project aims to impact is 112,000. Bible Society Ukraine expect that at least two people

will be impacted by every copy of Scripture distributed, as they are shared with family, friends and neighbours.

*Project 102803

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Prayer Needs

- Please pray both for Ukraine and Russia, for peace here and across the whole region, for the governments involved, for the military, for churches and individuals, and for Bible Society Ukraine.
- Pray for the project partners who would be implementing this project, and following up with all those who receive Scriptures to lead them on their journey with God.