

On the first Wednesday of every month we have a **Hope for Ukraine** prayer time, which has become a **Hope for Europe** prayer time with all the European CEF workers who are able to attend. We were reminded of the following truths:

Psalm 93 – God reigns.

Isaiah 41:10 – God is with us, He is our God. He strengthens us. He helps us. He upholds us.

None of these truths can change or will change because of the circumstances around us. We continue to look to God. He continues to reign and continue to work out His purposes. The Hope for Ukraine project is extensive. God is answering prayer, opening doors for evangelism and uniting us to reach the children of Ukraine and beyond. For that, we are very thankful!

From ESTONIA

JYC groups and leaders are meeting Ukrainian friends on the ferry-boat ISABELLE every Thursday night until the end of August. Games are played and the message of HOPE is shared. Time for questions and answers. Young people are so grateful for discussion time.

There are camps for Ukrainian children. First testimony from a child: *"I expect Jesus to be there in this camp. I am used to hearing the Bible stories."*

A Ukrainian boy Tymofii said: *"The most exciting part in the camp has been the graduation of God's Special Agents course. I received certificate and bracelet and I am ready to witness to my friends from Ukraine."*

(Tymofii in photo - in the middle with white/black t-shirt.)

On the ferry-boat kids do Mailbox Club lessons. This is activity after the Hope classes on Mondays.

(photo right)



From LATVIA

Children at camp are praying for the children in Ukraine. God is raising up prayer warriors and missionaries around Europe because of what is happening in Ukraine.

Children are preparing backpacks in Latvia too!



From MOLDOVA

“Thank you very much for your prayers. The trip to Odessa went well. It was difficult at customs, but all in all the trip was good. We were a little worried as the day before our trip there were 7 bombs in the neighbouring town and the day before that Odessa had been bombed. We are thankful to God for His protection. The Christians there thanked us so much that we travelled to them. There are many camps planned and they said that the Gospel backpacks will bring much joy to the children.



From IRELAND

CEF Ireland are working hard to prepare 10,000 backpacks. It has been encouraging to see the response of church members to fill the backpacks.

Praise God for His provision for this part of the project too. Please pray that they will be able to transport it to Ukraine very soon.





From Romania

Recently 4 cars travelled from Romania to Ukraine with 6,690 Gospel backpacks and 14,000 DYWW booklets. We are so thankful to God for the team in Iasi (Romania) who are preparing the backpacks, as well as those who are willing to travel into the country. It is not easy and there are many challenges and obstacles. Please pray for this process. The team are willing, but it is hard.



On 19 June, we were delighted to have a special event in Iasi city. KidsFest was an opportunity to take the Gospel to children – both Ukrainian and Romanian. A total of 430 children received a backpack with Gospel literature after attending a program to learn from the Bible through special workshops.



We have had really positive feedback from the distribution of the DYWW booklets. Teo (CEF worker in Prahova, Romania) wrote:

We are so glad to have been able to distribute thousands of booklets. We have taken them to city halls, schools, prisons etc. Many have been fascinated by the title and really see the booklet as answering the questions that they are asking. We believe that God will work!

In my home town, we distributed the booklet to 900 homes. The young people said that it was amazing. Some people asked for more copies of the booklet as they wanted to give to other people (from other places). We were really surprised by their reaction as we have given out booklets in my town before, but never have we been asked for extra copies for others!

Praise Him! We are so thankful to God for the booklet DO YOU WONDER WHY? Thank you to those who gave for this project so that we can receive the booklets for free and can distribute to those around us.

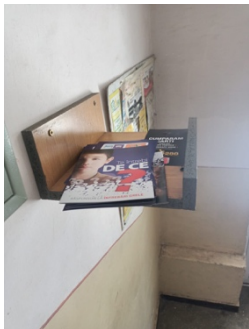


CEF workers have contact with Ukrainian children. Many of them have not had contact with the Gospel before now. One girl called Vica attended English camp in Romania. She said, *"I love this camp. There are so many new things that I have experienced here. It's great to be able to speak in English and to play games, paint t-shirts and the food is great. I also learned about Jesus here."*

(Photo right of Vica at camp.)



Over the past weeks, we have distributed 150,000 DYWW booklets in 6 cities in Romania. This has been very appreciated by the workers in the areas. Church leaders have promoted this well and many people have been praying for the project. Please pray with us that God will use this project in many lives.



There are a lot of very poor families living in these areas. Pray that they will find hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

From POLAND

We are thankful to God for the children who prepared backpacks in Poland. Praise God that Bogdan was able to make another safe trip to Ukraine (to Zhytomir). The border controls take much longer from Poland to Ukraine (than from Romania to Ukraine). Praise God for all volunteers who are willing to give of time and resources to make this trip.



Statistics:

1,500,000 Do You Wonder Why booklets have been printed and many of them already distributed. 124,400 backpacks, pens and Meet the King booklets have been purchased. They are at various stages. Approximately 60,000 have been filled and taken into Ukraine. Others are distributed in the neighbouring countries in special hope clubs. Plans are underway to print more DYWW booklets in Russian & Turkish. Please pray together with us for this.

From UKRAINE

Praise God for the backpacks that were received in the Bereg region. This is an area where we have Good News Clubs and a camp centre. It is an opportunity to bring joy and hope to children at this time.

The workers were delighted to receive the backpacks and so were the children.

Two testimonies from children:

"I liked very much the backpack. The sweets are so delicious and the stories in the booklets are very attractive. The best of all is that we received it in the GNC."

"I enjoyed receiving the backpack, everything in it was nice: colourings pencils, pens and my favourite sweets. I am reading the booklet; I recognized many of the stories because we learned about in the GNC. Thank you!"

The photographs on the right hand side are all from the Bereg area. Please continue to pray for these children and for the workers who are faithfully taking the Gospel to them.

"The "Hope for Ukraine" program is a very useful tool to pass on the Good News to the children. It is attention-grabbing and interesting for them. The backpacks, which were compiled from other people's donations contained candy and other gifts. These bags made a lot of children smile. Furthermore, they delivered God's message to homes, that have never heard about the Lord's forgiveness and the opportunity of a God-pleasing life.

I am very grateful to be a part of this kind of service. It has been done by the leading of God and within the framework of CEF. Our goal is to continue proclaiming the Word of God among children, using the most effective tools like handing out Gospel booklets contained in the backpacks." István

To God be the glory!

