



## RELIEF EFFORT UPDATE

**S**INCE LAST MARCH, MSC HAS BEEN ABLE TO SEND OUT FUNDS TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AS THEY SUFFER THE EFFECTS OF THE WAR WAGED BY RUSSIA. In the early days, millions of refugees fled Ukraine into the neighboring countries. This vast exodus left many in neighboring countries scrambling to provide safety, food, and shelter for those fleeing. Over the following months, we have all witnessed the terrible tragedies shown daily on the news. As the war lingers, hundreds of thousands of refugees have returned back to their war-torn cities and homes. This has resulted in a growing need for food and shelter back in Ukraine.

From the start, MSC has partnered with our workers in the area to offer funds from Canadian donors like you to assist with the enormous need for basics. These workers include Mirek & Beata Marczak in Poland, Sean & Jess McAnuff in Hungary, Allan & Caulene

Bussard in Slovakia, Peter Kozar in Slovakia, LC in Georgia, and Matthew Hillier in Moldova.

The majority of funds have gone to these workers to help with the ongoing tragedy unfolding in Ukraine as well as refugee needs in the surrounding countries. Some workers have very small but important domestic initiatives and others have large transnational operations. The assistance provided has been used to purchase daily necessities such as food, clothing, toiletries, shelter, transportation, short-term accommodation, transfer tickets, health care, diapers, children's comfort items, blankets, bedding, and more for those fleeing Ukraine. In addition to aiding refugees in surrounding nations, needs are also being met within Ukraine itself, especially by two of our partners, Integra and CMIAID, often at their own peril.

Ron Hampton, part of MSC's WorkerCare team for Europe, visited almost all of these workers in late spring to see how the relief efforts were going first hand. His trip included visits through nine countries and Ron connected personally with 36 MSC, CMML (US), and Echoes (UK) mission workers. It was very encouraging and moving to hear how the efforts of believers in countries near to Ukraine have assisted millions of people fleeing their aggressors. Many had nothing but their clothing.

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# RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT



To date we have made

**105 SHIPMENTS**

with a total of  
**1400 METRIC  
TONS of goods.**

The total number of  
beneficiaries is around

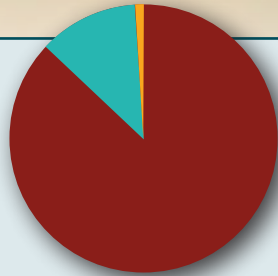
**370 THOUSAND,**

mostly in the newly liberated areas of  
Eastern and South Ukraine. We are also now  
finishing a program in Irpin and Bucha that  
repaired and provided homes for about

**100 DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES**

whose homes were destroyed. Our latest  
program we are now getting underway  
provides trauma counselling for  
**600 CHILDREN,** most of who witnessed  
horrible tragedy and atrocities during their  
flight from the conflict zones with their families."

- Allan Bussard, Integra (MSC Partner)



- Medicine: 1%
- Hygiene & Non Food Items: 12%
- Food: 87%

## MSC GLOBAL MISSION WORKERS SERVE ON THE FRONT LINES OF NEED IN MANY DIFFICULT PLACES AROUND

**THE WORLD.** The majority serve where there is much poverty and hardship both among church members and in the communities they are called to reach with God's love & truth. Being "salt and light" in these situations often involves compassionate, practical service to people who have nowhere else to turn for help: orphans, prisoners, troubled teens, abused women, street children, refugees, the sick, the forgotten, the abandoned, and the handicapped. When people are loved, hearts open to the Lord!

Many MSC projects are considered "**development,**" as they lovingly help people improve their difficult situations by increasing crop yields, providing clean water, helping children stay in school, or teaching an employable skill. These efforts are usually integrated with life-changing discipleship, mentoring, and leadership training.

My wife and I recently visited an MSC family serving in Ghana, West Africa. We experienced first-hand their ministry to children living without hope on the streets. They point them to the Lord and help them get off the



## PRACTICE... KEEP UP TO DATE ON SHIPPING NEWS!

**ACCTS MISSION SHIPPING** ships containers of donated supplies to mission workers, stations, and hospitals around the world, but most often to Zambia.

Goods are sent in large commercial shipping containers. Containers are either 20ft or 40ft long, 8ft high and 8ft wide. They are transported overseas on container ships.

Go to our website, **MSCCANADA.ORG/ACCTS**  
for more information as well as...

- To subscribe to the **ACCTS Email List** and receive occasional updates
- **Book an appointment to drop off boxes.** Currently booking for Spring 2023 Thursdays and Fridays, April 13+14, 20+21, 27+28.



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streets to be reunited with their families and back into school. Many of these redeemed children will go on to be leaders in their homes, churches, and communities. They are **“trophies of grace”**, thanks to the genuine love and care they are receiving from Christians today.

MSC workers sometimes find themselves suddenly immersed in the shock, trauma and grief of populations hit by disasters, whether they are man-made (*war in Ukraine*) or natural (*hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes*). As I write this, Turkey is reeling from a catastrophic earthquake, with the latest count at over 45,000 dead. We have been in touch with MSC workers who live and serve in the region that sustained the most damage and confirmed that they are okay. **PLEASE BE PRAYING AS THEY SERVE ALONGSIDE LOCAL BELIEVERS WHO MUST NOW DEAL WITH DEATH AND DESTRUCTION ALL AROUND THEM.**

This is an opportunity for Christians across Canada to provide urgent help. As this situation continues to unfold, funds may be allocated to various trusted workers

and mission partners to effectively reach those most affected by this crisis. You can give to these efforts by designating your gift to **Turkey Earthquake Relief**.

Now and in the days to come, the Lord’s people in the affected region will need our help to cope, to rebuild, and to help those around them as much as possible. Please pray that they will be sustained through these difficult days, and that they will be used by the Lord to encourage others. Let us pray that out of this tragedy, as God’s people respond, lives will be touched with the love of Christ and many will turn to the Lord.

Written by **Doug Anderson**,  
*Project Manager*



## MAY WE INTRODUCE **Doug Anderson**

Doug recently joined MSC’s staff part-time as Project Manager. His primary role is supporting workers and coordinating their projects. He has also been diligently updating and organizing all our internal information about the mission projects you support.

Doug lives with his wife Beulah in Mississauga. They have 2 adult children and 2 grandsons. Together they have lived & served for many years in the Philippines and in Africa. They are members of Erindale Bible Chapel, where Doug is one of the Elders. Most recently, Doug was the Country Director for Samaritan’s Purse in Congo (DRC) and for World Relief in Burundi.

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As the war continues, the need for continuing assistance to feed, support, and rebuild is massive. The present winter has brought extra hardships for the Ukrainian people. MSC wants to share our gratitude for the sacrificial giving of so many supporters in Canada towards this humanitarian relief effort.

As of January 2023, MSC has received approximately **\$950,000 in donations** towards the Ukraine Relief Fund and has thus far disbursed **\$785,000**. We have intentionally not sent all received funds forward, knowing that there would be funds required further down the road for future support and rebuilding initiatives. However, the needs remain very significant and ongoing. Ukraine is in the middle of their winter and the war is intensifying. Food, shelter, electricity, fuel etc. are in short supply as their infrastructure is a target. Humanitarian needs will certainly grow. MSC will be regularly distributing funds as they come in.

Thank you for your part in helping those who have had to endure such tragic circumstances. Many of us in our lifetimes have not seen such a crisis in Europe.

An update from **Conrad Lechelt**,  
Missions Director



*"Some wonderful news is that two Ukrainian girls that have been staying with us since early March*

*accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Their mother (Olga) is also showing much interest in the Gospel. Please pray for her salvation."*

- shared via an MSC partner



We want to celebrate and acknowledge **EDITH MASUELLO** who retired from MSC's administrative staff in November.

Edith served the Lord diligently with MSC for over 20 years, particularly as front line staff answering phone calls and carefully engaging with all of the correspondence received from workers in order to select the weekly *Mission Prayer Items* (which you can subscribe to at [msccanada.org/mpi](https://msccanada.org/mpi)).

We ask you to **JOIN US IN THANKING GOD** for her decades of joyful work supporting missions.

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