



Program for Humanitarian Aid (PHA)

“Hello, my name is Oksana. I am an internally displaced Ukrainian.

I remember when Andrii called me for the first time, inviting me to get humanitarian help. At first, it was scheduled for Wednesday, but I had chemotherapy that day, so I asked to change it. Andrii kindly suggested Saturday instead, and even though I expected to feel sick after chemo, I agreed. I had financial difficulties due to the expenses for my cancer treatment, so even though I felt ill, I gathered my strength and went to receive the aid.

About a month later, while I was on a bus, feeling sick from yet another treatment, I started thinking about whether God exists. I silently prayed for a chance to complete my cancer treatment. Suddenly, my phone rang—it was Andrii, checking on me. Overwhelmed, I told him about my serious health condition, my father’s need for chemotherapy, and our financial struggles. Andrii kindly invited me to meet him and offered his help. In that moment, I felt my faith in God reaffirmed.

In February 2022, when the war began, we lived in Komyshevakha, a village in Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhia region. Russian troops frequently shelled our village, causing extensive damage to many homes. We had to flee, and on top of that, I received a devastating cancer diagnosis, requiring surgery and chemotherapy. Unfortunately, because of the ongoing war, we couldn’t access state-funded cancer care programs. During this difficult time, my son-in-law, who was a soldier, was injured. I questioned my purpose in life during moments of despair, but I also had a strong desire to see my grandchildren grow. I was determined to survive, so I sought help and support, even though my initial reaction was to spend days in bed, crying.

About six months later, my parents finally returned to their home in Komyshevakha. However, one day, an explosion destroyed the front door of their house. Amidst the shelling, they sought comfort by sitting on the sofa, holding each other tightly, waiting for either a quick death or for the bombardment to stop.

I try not to dwell on the war and instead hold onto hope for its eventual end. My thoughts go to the countless individuals who won’t have homes to return to because their houses, villages, and cities are in ruins. A relative of mine, who works in an ambulance, told me the distressing news of over seven hundred injured soldiers being brought to the hospital in a single day. Thinking about the war weighs heavily on my heart.

PHA provides crucial support that is extremely difficult to find now. Many people can’t afford basic necessities like grain, tea, or milk. I was amazed to find butter and chicken included in the aid package because such foods are rarely available through humanitarian assistance. I wish good health to those who help Ukrainians, and I’m immensely grateful for their invaluable support during these challenging times. It is vital for our survival, it uplifts our spirits, and it gives us hope.

I’m grateful to Andrii and his team in Zaporizhzhia because their support empowers me. When I’m with them, I feel like I belong and have a purpose. It’s surprising how these strangers have become like family to me. We come here with sadness, but we leave with joy. Your ministry’s motto, “Being Family,” perfectly captures what you do.

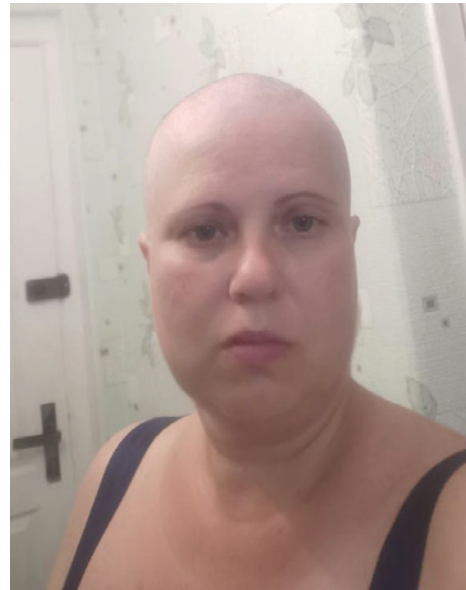
Now, I eagerly look forward to Sunday church gathering. Being there with fellow members, seeing familiar faces, and embracing them brings me immense joy. Despite my hearing impairment, I long to sing psalms with the congregation, worshipping the Lord together. Time flies during these meetings, and I can’t wait for the next Sunday.”

PHA receives daily requests for assistance from internally displaced Ukrainians in Eastern Ukraine, including Oksana. She generously shared her story with you, her PHA Family. We extend our gratitude for your personal dedication in providing aid to those in need in Ukraine.

Thank you and God Bless,

Chris G. Hill
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