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GCS (Great Commission Society) is a global 'non-profit' and organisation. Over the last 5 weeks GCS and its collaborating partners have been responding to the fastest refugee exodus from any country in modern history.

Our CEO, Tony Anthony was recently interviewed by Ben Fryer at BBC ESSEX about our response efforts in Ukraine. Listen now: <https://youtu.be/0eQCuDC32BQ>



In just over 1 month we have sent over 800 tonnes of humanitarian supplies directly into areas of Ukraine facing acute shortages of food, water, and medical supplies. We have evacuated over 57,000 refugees to safety, and our border-crossing teams in Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, and Moldova have supported untold numbers of refugees fleeing the war.

Huge efforts have been made to meet the needs of families in their darkest moments, and we have focused our efforts on a strategic threefold response as follows:

RESPONSE 1:

Responding to the vast needs of refugees coming through the border-crossings. At the start of the invasion, the first wave of refugees coming through the border-crossings was truly horrific, with lines of cars stretching 35 km, and people standing in sub-zero temperatures for as long as 30 hours in the snow. Our teams worked relentlessly to support people at this stage by giving out blankets, hot drinks, food, and offering trauma support.



As people are allowed through the border our ground teams have continued to provide transport, food, water, accommodation, assistance in their onward journeys.



RESPONSE 2:

Shipping convoys of humanitarian supplies to Ukrainian cities near to the country borders. These supplies have then been distributed by Ukrainians to communities who have run out of food and water. Returning vehicles have been filled at every opportunity with women and children wishing to flee the war. Tens of thousands of internally displaced people are flocking to the western cities of Ukraine despite the sirens signalling the threat of Russian attack.



RESPONSE 3:



Shipping critical humanitarian supplies to Ukrainian cities facing Russian attack where people are trapped and without food. All vehicles transport refugees to safety to a safer region of the country or to the border-crossing. A fast-deteriorating humanitarian crisis is unfolding in Ukraine where hundreds of thousands of civilians are trapped in besieged cities without water, food and electricity as Russian troops continue to press deep into the country. With the support of our partners, we have sent through over forty 20 tonne lorries carrying humanitarian supplies directly into areas of Ukraine facing the greatest need.



One of our convoys was delivering food supplies early in the morning to a community in VITRYANI HORY (Windy Hills), which is a suburb in the north-west corner of Kyiv. Russian shelling hit a residential area only 800 metres from where we



were unloading supplies. Residential apartments were destroyed, someone's son was lying dead in the debris. We prayed and ministered to many people in the chaos. Our teams have willingly put themselves in considerable danger to be able to reach people in desperate need.



We have been ministering to so many civilians who have suffered grotesque war crimes. I have had countless conversations with people who have shared in graphic detail stories of family members and neighbours who were raped and murdered. Stories of hanging, looting, and torture by Russian soldiers. I am lost for words.

All donations have been used to procure wholesale food supplies, medicine and first aid kits, fuel, lorries, coaches, and minibuses. Humanitarian supplies have typically included the following long-lasting items:

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| Pasta | Bottled Water |
| Potatoes | UHT Milk |
| Buckwheat | Cartons / Bottles of juice |
| Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce | Jars of baby food |
| Soup | Bread |
| Rice | Medicine |
| Beans and pulses | Tourniquets |
| Tinned meat | Wet wipes |
| Tinned vegetables | Feminine hygiene products |
| Flour | Nappies |
| Yeast | Blankets |
| Tea/coffee | Sleeping bags |
| Salt/Sugar | First Aid Kits |
| Tinned fruit | Fuel |
| Biscuits | Generators |



A huge effort has been made to meet the needs of families in their darkest moments. GCS has seen an inspiring response from people across the world wanting to volunteer both inside Ukraine and in its neighbouring countries to support the multitude of people affected by the war.

GCS friends and ministry partners have kindly donated to support volunteers on the borders assist families as they arrive with almost nothing, and the aid workers in Ukrainian cities helping those unable to flee.



A special thanks to BER Asia Pacific, Solid Rock Mission, Fight for Freedom, Gospel Tribe, and faithful individuals who have supported the work in Ukraine. Your donations are providing essentials like food, water, medicine, transport, and shelter, as well as enabling trauma care to people whose lives have been torn apart.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for placing your trust in us, and our work. Thank you for standing with Ukraine. As the security situation allows, GCS and its partners on the ground will continue to respond to existing and emerging humanitarian needs – but we urgently need your help.



Our GCS teams from Hungary, Slovakia and Moldova have been carrying out multiple humanitarian shipments and evacuations over the last 48 hours to Kharkiv, Kyiv and Mykolaiv. Right now, our GCS team and our partners are preparing an ambitious campaign in the coming week, where we will be transporting a critical shipment of 40 tonnes of humanitarian supplies to Zaporizhia and near to Mariupol. Our

convoy consists of 7 coaches, and 12 large minibuses, which will enable us to evacuate a little over 670 women and children.

We urgently need funding to purchase enough wholesale humanitarian supplies, and fuel. If you would like to help, but not sure how, please donate to the registered GCS UK Charity account to help us address this escalating humanitarian catastrophe. Here are several ways this can be done:

BANK TRANSFER

Account Name: Great Commission Society
Bank: Lloyds Bank
Sort Code: 309890
Account Number: 16270268

INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS

Great Commission Society
IBAN: GB53 LOYD 309890 16270268
SWIFT/BIC: LOYDGB21592



PAYPAL

<https://www.paypal.me/gcsuk>

GCS WEBSITE

<http://www.greatcommissionsociety.org/donate>

STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/gcsukraineappeal>

If you can help us in any way or have any questions about how you might be able to get involved, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

With kind regards,

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