# **UKRAINE NEWSLETTER**



As we have witnessed the events in Ukraine unfold, a multinational Vineyard 'response' group has formed to coordinate and communicate together to support the existing Vineyard Church in Ukraine during this time of war.

In this newsletter we wanted to highlight the work of various churches outside of Ukraine in bringing relief and ongoing development. According to United Nations statistics over 6 million Ukrainians have left Ukraine itself (with an additional 8 million internally displaced). Of the 6 million now outside Ukraine, most of these are women and children, putting them in great need of support. In the Bible we read the story of Ruth and Naomi who came to a country without any means to support themselves. Yet God used those tragic circumstances, and the help of others, to bring about His purposes for good.

In Sweden, the Nordic Vineyard under the guidance of Jim Mumper, have been caring for Ukrainians displaced by the war. **Read more in this blog post.** 

In Moldova host families from the local Vineyard churches have also been supporting Ukrainian refugees. Some information from the Vineyard Ungheni facebook page can be found **here**.

In the UK various support hubs, like this one in <u>Aylesbury</u>, have been set up. In the Bristol area, churches are likewise working together to provide weekly drop-ins for Ukrainians.

We also continue to support our churches in Ukraine and have been providing finances and support to ensure that the pastors of local churches are able to concentrate on serving during these difficult times.

A <u>charitable organisation</u> is now up and running in Lviv and is both raising support and distributing aid from Lviv to those in need all over Ukraine.

June 20th is World Refugee Day - please pray for those displaced by war.

Click on the links below to find out more from our partners...

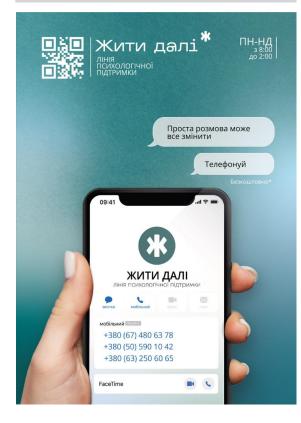
## Vineyard Churches in Ukraine

Details of the Ukrainian Vineyard Churches: Kyiv, Kremenchuk, Lviv, Odesa all have church communities.

#### **New Trauma Hotline launched**

Ukrainians are experiencing unprecedented physical, psychological and emotional trauma due to the ongoing war. There are not enough specialists to meet the needs of more than 35 million Ukrainians experiencing some level of trauma, so <a href="Wide-Awake">Wide-Awake</a> <a href="International">International</a> launched a call centre made up of trained Ukrainian operators and a team of psychologists to oversee the initiative.

If you know any refugees who need support, please have them call...



## **PRAY FOR PEACE**

Pray that war would cease and that those in authority would make kingdom inspired decisions

## **PRAY FOR PROVISION**

Pray that humanitarian aid and support would reach those most in need and that those escaping war would find shelter

## **PRAY FOR FAMILIES**

Pray for all families separated by war. Especially for children and the elderly and for those who are grieving