## **UPDATE: COMPASSIONATE CARE FOR UKRAINIANS**



## Your Generosity Helps to Support Ukrainians In a Time of War

The ongoing invasion of Ukraine by a neighboring world power that began February 24, 2022, has displaced millions of residents from their homes. The number of Ukrainians living as refugees in other countries has swelled into the millions. Meanwhile, the number of internally-displaced Ukrainians—those who have fled their homes but remain in the country—is just as high. Altogether, more than 14 million people have fled their homes in Ukraine. This war has caused the fastest forced population movement since World War II.

With your help, Nazarene missionaries, pastors, and volunteers are partnering with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries to help displaced people travel to safe areas, secure shelter, and acquire food and supplies. All over the world, churches and districts are responding with compassion for the Ukrainian people. You are a part of that compassionate response.

## The Compassionate Ministry of Neighboring Countries:



In **Moldova**, Nazarene church leaders and members have transported hundreds of Ukrainians both fleeing and returning to Ukraine.



The Blessings Church of the Nazarene in Bucharest, **Romania**, has housed Ukrainians living as refugees since the start of the conflict in late February.



Churches in **Hungary** have collected and distributed clothes, medical supplies, groceries, and baby care items for hundreds displaced by the war.



In **Poland**, workers strategically positioned a distribution warehouse at the border for delivering food and Crisis Care Kits to people living in Ukraine.



Lydia, pictured above, is one of many senior adults being forced to make the difficult decision to stay home or leave.

## Nyura's Story

Nyura\* and her husband lived with their daughter and family in Chernihiv, Ukraine, when the war began. Early in the conflict, their city came under attack. Thankfully, the household of seven had sought shelter elsewhere the day their home was destroyed by rocket fire. With no house to return to, Nyura and her family crossed the border to Moldova. Many Ukrainian senior adults are being forced to make the difficult decision to stay home or leave; either choice holds challenges for securing basic needs.

Nyura's family found food and shelter through the outreach of members of the Nazarene church in Chisinau, led by Sergey and Irina Talalay. Church members have been transporting, sheltering, and feeding Ukrainians since the beginning of the conflict. The Chisinau church has also provided hygiene items and medicine when possible. Sergey, also from Ukraine, tells about the positive impact the church has had on thousands of displaced Ukrainians. "I am very grateful to our local church," says Sergey. "Although it is small, it has a very big heart."

\*Name is changed to protect privacy.

Learn more about the Ukraine crisis response at **ncm.org/ukraine-crisis**