November 2026 Ukraine, UK, Winter Heating Appeal

UKRAINE

You may have seen press reports of rioting breaking out after the discovery of concentration camp style prisons and torture chambers used to abuse draft dodgers. Whether all the reports and footage is true, it is well known that this is going on and so many of our brethren live in fear of this. Many are lying low in villages or staying in flats and never once go out onto the streets. One brother was living with his grandmother in a remote village but she has fallen asleep in the Lord and now he is pretty much living rough, desperate to avoid the gangs that go around grabbing men off the streets. When men are caught, they are often beaten and even tortured- and now at least one of those torture centres has been uncovered, there is widespread fear and anger about it. This is a really terrible situation. We do send funds out to help our brethren, and those who are caring for them... but we do really need your prayers for these situations.

Duncan intends to do a 2 week trip to Ukraine around December 18 - 31st Lord willing, whilst the family are in Australia for the Christmas holidays. Currently he's going alone, but if you know anyone who'd be a suitable companion on such a difficult mission, do get in touch with us. And we appreciate prayers ahead of time in planning the trip. Our dedicated funds for Ukraine are now pretty much exhausted; the needs of our brethren are significant. We'll have to be making a major appeal for this soon, Lord willing.

UK

The Croydon Pub Church alcohol free Christmas Party plans are now in full swing for December 14th Lord willing. Brothers Timothy Harford-Brown and Nat Stock from the Christadelphian band "The Flying Scrolls" will be doing the music. We're so excited to have them coming.

Out of the 100 or so likely to attend, at least 50 will be homeless. Cindy is buying things to put in Christmas present wrappers for them; the packages will include Socks, gloves, lip balm, pens with Bible verses, key chains, "What would Jesus do?" bracelets, Bible verse stickers and Prayer Cards, all in a Christmas Gift Bag. This is a project in addition to the Gregg's vouchers which we appealed for last week. Cindy's packages so far will cost around £5 each- and so 50 of them will cost say 250 £ and 100 of them would cost £ 500. Quite a few of the homeless who attend with us have been baptized. So again, this is a great opportunity to donate to something concrete.

This week we the wonderful baptism of THOMAS a painter / decorator who lives with his wife and three children in a council house in Manchester. But that house must be the only one on the council estate that has Deuteronomy 6:4 on the doorpost, proclaiming that Yahweh is One and we must love Him with all our hearts. That's just what Thomas tries to do and his baptism had been a long time coming. He first came to Godly things when the family moved in to the house and found a KJV Bible left there and Tom started reading it, and also reading it to his family. The previous occupant had removed the bath tub to make a large shower, so Tom bought a collapsible bath off Temu for £25 for his baptism. His wife videoed the baptism, with the family dog eagerly looking on. And we had great chats with her about baptism too. Just a wonderful time, with such a strong feeling that indeed "we are labourers together with Him". Video at https://youtu.be/dzmi1O8r8Y0




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4. "HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD
OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE."
5. "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR
HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH."
6. "AND THESE WORDS WHICH I
COMMAND YOU TODAY
SHALL BE IN YOUR HEART."





WINTER HEATING APPEAL 2026

The dire economic situation continues in rural Eastern Europe, especially for our dear ones in Latvia and Ukraine with whom we have regular contact. The economic impact of the war is huge, and Winter is now upon us, with sub zero temperatures, tiny pensions, expensive health care, bread winning men either in hiding, conscripted or having fled the country. Leaving the elderly and infirm, of whom we have many brothers and sisters. The continued bombardment of power stations, substations, water pumping stations etc. will mean a very, very difficult and cold winter in Ukraine. Elsewhere, the high cost of fuel means that energy prices have increased and this is a huge burden for our dear ones when it comes to paying utility bills.

We'll be making a trip to Latvia soon and another one in February, Lord willing, and also to Ukraine probably in December / January. We aim to distribute firewood in rural areas, pay heating bills in the towns, and do what can be done to fix up drafty homes to preserve heat. As well as provide things like generators as we have done before, where appropriate. And also provide warm clothing and blankets where needed. We've been doing this work for many years and continue to appreciate your ongoing financial support. And if any want to join us on the ground, do let us know. Here are a few photos of our previous work, that we intend to continue. We're really open to your
donations; for those who prefer Facebook giving, there's an appeal at
https://www.facebook.com/donate/1137546695860031/


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PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For funds to continue our work in Ukraine
- For those facing real cold with energy shortages this year and high heating costs
- For our constant outreach and care work in Croydon

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks