



FRANCISCO & MARTITA BERRIOS

War in Ukraine- Our next door neighbors!



Noemi Luna

A Kindergarten teacher from London who came to be a volunteer in our church's camp. We give thanks to God for her life and her generosity by donating her valuable time to be a blessing to the Ukrainian refugees that we have hosted in Brasov.



Come now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

James 4:13-14

On February 24th, 2022, the war began in Ukraine and the "normal" life of the world stopped from one day to the next. "We didn't know what would happen tomorrow." Even more so when the Head of State of a world power says "put the nuclear arsenal on high alert". From that day until today, April 8th, many things have happened. Among those, almost 4 million Ukrainians have fled, crossing the borders to Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Hungary to stay or transit to other European countries.

To the right is Luba and her daughter, Angelina, along with Noemi, a volunteer who came from London to donate 10 days of her vacation from her teaching job there and to serve in the camp of our Church in Brasov. Here is the testimony of Luba, a refugee in our camp:

"My daughter is with me, but my husband has stayed at home, an empty 8 story building. He sleeps in the basement and in order to save our house, he goes and turns the lights on and off in the apartments so that the Russians think there are families living there. This is because several nearby buildings have been bombed to the point of destroying them completely for no reason, just to hurt us. I just hope that while my husband is out at night doing that, a bomb won't drop on him..." She cannot speak anymore... the pain is too much, she begins to cry inconsolably...



Prayer Requests

- For emotional and spiritual strength to comfort the people who are passing through our facilities as refugees (many of them do not stay, they go to other countries in Europe).
- For provision for the current ministry here with the refugees and to bring aid to churches where our church has mission contacts in Ukraine (Odesa, Sumi, Cernaut, and other places). There are a lot of needs that exceed us by far!
- For the leadership of Hope Baptist Church in Brasov. We need wisdom to be useful for the short, medium and long-term in this crisis.



If you would like to help Hope Baptist & Francisco & Martita minister to Ukrainian refugees, please see the info below:

To donate online, go to world-reach.org/donate and select the campaign, "Berrios, Francisco-Project Account (Ukraine Refugees)".

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we just listen to her soul... what can we say?... hear, nod... remain silent... her tears, her tones, her non-verbal language, anguish, stress, sadness, rage, impotence. And life must go on... she has to attend to her little daughter, Angelina, who demands attention. She wipes her tears and goes to play with her girl. And like this one, perhaps millions of similar stories are already happening in this humanitarian tragedy in Europe in a way that has not been experienced since World War II.

Here are Martita and Noemi with a group of refugees in the camp. The person next to Martita is Apolo Pavilcu, a worker at our church who is permanently in the camp helping with logistics so that the refugees have everything they need.



In the photo to the right you can see a group of refugees who sang in the worship service in our church.



Here is Pastor Marius Chiciudean (4th from left to right) with another group of refugees from Ukrainian churches that we have staying in a house belonging to the church.



Thank you for your continued support and prayers,

Francisco & Martita
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*A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.
Psalm 68:5*