



URGENT PRAYER AND ACTION NEEDED!

“WE CRY OUT. WE CRY OUT, PLEASE...**HELP US!**”

Dear «Salutation»,

I received a distressing cry for help from Nikopol, Ukraine.

Pastor Roman writes:

“We have not fed the children for several days. They are sitting at home in basements to escape the onslaught of shelling. Many of them are from large families that are unable to feed their children. Recently, one of our children was seen near a high-rise building. He stole and ate up the food that was put out for stray cats.”

Pastor Roman and his wife Inna have been caring for children and families in Nikopol since the war began.

Located on the Dnipro River, Nikopol is a frightfully short distance from the Russian occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant on the other side of the river. The distance between them is seven kilometres (4.35 miles). About 15 seconds in rocket terms.

“We have been serving in the middle of the fire for many months, but recently the heat became even hotter. A new group of Russian soldiers have been deployed on the other side of the river! Real beasts, murderers! They are shelling us all day and all night with everything they have.”

With Russian troops at their heels, the war has taken its toll on the people in Nikopol. Once a thriving city of 105,000 people, today only 50,000 remain. More than 4,000 buildings, institutions, educational facilities and businesses have been destroyed. Without work, many parents are unable to feed their children.



A new Russian onslaught in Nikopol: Children are forced to hunker down in basements. They have gone days without food.

DAYS WITHOUT FOOD

Up to 90 children come to Pastor Roman's church daily for lunch. For most, it is the only food they get. With this increased Russian bombardment, the children are forced to hunker down in basements and are unable to reach the church. They have gone days without being fed.

On Sunday, instead of our usual church service, the youth and children sat on the floor in the basement of a bomb shelter. That same day, our deacon was in his car when it was hit. Miraculously he instantly jumped out and hit the ground. His car was damaged, but God spared his life!

Despite these new dangers, Pastor Roman's church continues to serve and care for the families. They are deeply concerned about the health and emotional toll the war has taken on the children.

"We cry out: Please, help us with something to get our church of youth to a safe place for a while! The children have to be taken away from the place of shelling. We would like to take them out in groups to camps somewhere, a place of refuge from the constant noise of war so they can have a few weeks of silence."

A few weeks may not be much, but it can restore shattered nerves and give hope in a time of great stress. A few weeks of respite in a summer camp where the children can laugh and play in safety, could make a world of difference to a child suffering the trauma of war.

It has been difficult to find a place for 90 children.

So far, we have found a place that can take 40 children and 10 adults. The accommodation has been offered for free, but we need costs for transportation and food to feed 50 people. So far we don't have any amount to make any movement and any promises.

Pastor Roman and Inna are praying and pleading for help. They want to find places for all the children in their care. They want to restore a smile on the face of a child that once knew how to laugh and play but now has lost all knowledge of that joy.

No child should have the burden of searching for a mere morsel of food.
No child should have to eat food left out for stray cats.
No child should be consumed with one daily thought. Hunger.

Will you pray and help the children of Nikopol?
Any amount that you can give will help.

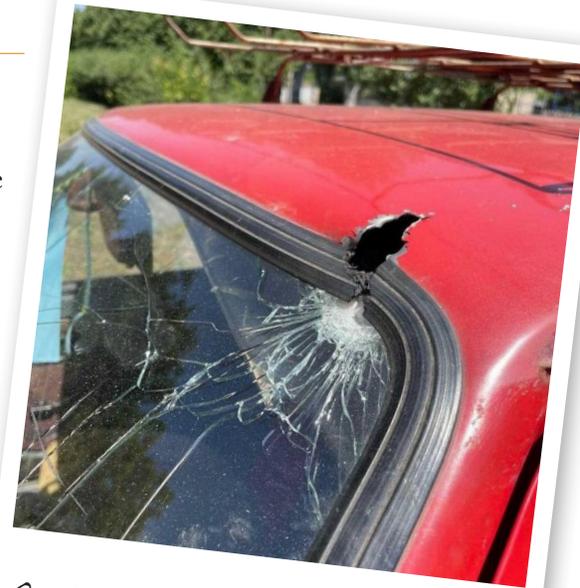
Thank you for continuing to care for the hurting children and families in Ukraine!

Together in His Ministry,



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pastor Roman's church feeds 90 children daily. For most, it is the only food they get.



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