



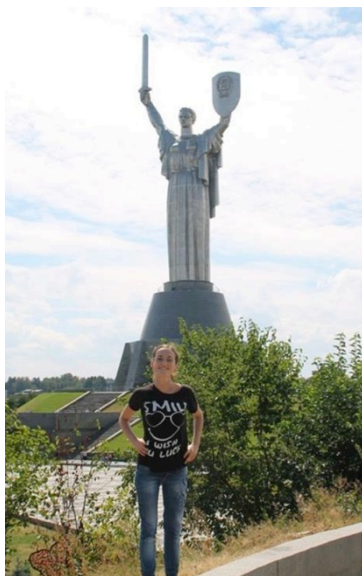
## ***Aussies in Ukraine***

***Like cold water to a weary soul is  
good news from a distant land.  
Proverbs 25:25***

Dear friends,

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It's been a busy couple of months, with Annalise starting a new school, Ben travelling to Ukraine, and Ange recovering from surgery. Thank you for your prayers and support, we really appreciate it. Ben had a good trip to Ukraine and saw first-hand the needs there and how we can meet them. He met up with friends in Kyiv, Dnipro and an orphan camp. He was able to bring encouragement and also financial help.



**Sveta in Kyiv**

**October 2016**

The war in eastern Ukraine continues, and there is so much need in the country right now. Young people displaced by the war struggle to make their allowance last the whole month. Through the generosity of our supporters we were able to help a group of teenagers who had finished high school and were about to start their studies at the trade school. We helped them buy food, school supplies and winter clothes in time for the start of their course in September. They had been given a small amount of food and were told to wait for their allowance at the end of the month. We are privileged to have been able to help them at such a difficult time.



**with orphans at summer camp**

## Ukraine Update

As the war in eastern Ukraine continues the number of refugees or Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) continues to rise. Reports estimate that 1.7 million people have been displaced by this war. Ukraine is ranked 4th in the world for IDPs (after Yemen, Syria and Iraq) according to Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC). Life is difficult for people who have left their homes and everything they had in the war zone, to start a new life. We are privileged to be able to be able to help people displaced by the war. We are grateful to our supporters for their prayers and financial gifts, which enable us to continue our ministry to these vulnerable people. Please continue to pray for peace in eastern Ukraine. We continue to raise awareness of the situation in Ukraine. Ange recently shared at a Ladies' breakfast and received a wonderful response.



**Refugees from eastern Ukraine**

## Young Adults

The 1<sup>st</sup> of September is the start of the school year in Ukraine. For many young people we know it was a big day as they started at technical college or trade school. After growing up in the orphanage system they graduate from high school and are suddenly be on their own, in a

hostel with no support. They are given a monthly allowance and they are expected to know how to manage their finances and survive on their own. They haven't been taught life skills such as cooking, cleaning and budgeting but they are expected to live independently once they leave the orphanage. Through our ministry partner, SOS Mission, and our supporters we have been able to help these young people prepare for life after the orphanage. SOS Mission mentors young adults before they leave high school and continues to mentor them once they start their studies at college or trade school. Please pray for these young people as they start this new chapter in their lives. Some of the young people live at SOS Mission House and they feel like part of a family for the first time in their lives.



**Young Adults from SOS House**

## Eastern Ukraine

Please pray for those still in the war zone. Life is very hard for those who stayed in the war zone. Many of those still in there are among the most vulnerable in society such as the sick, the elderly and children. The reality of the war is all around them as they hear shooting and see the devastation of war on their doorstep. Please pray for them, especially as winter approaches. Please pray for the churches and individuals who are helping them.

## Ukraine Trip

Ben was pleased to meet up with many friends and ministry partners on his August trip. In Kyiv, he met and encouraged several young people we knew from Donetsk who had lived in orphanages. Sveta and Oleg are studying at university. Yana and Yana are also studying in Kyiv. Praise God, they are doing well and have a bright future ahead. In Dnipro he joined a reunion of friends from our church in Donetsk. Many of them fled the war in Donetsk to start a new life in Dnipro, just a few of the many internally displaced people. It was bittersweet, as many long to return home but know that it's not possible while the war continues.



**Reunion in Dnipro**

Ben visited a summer camp and met up with some of the orphans we knew in Donetsk. They were evacuated when the war started more than two years ago.



**Summer camp**



## Thank God for:

- Our supporters.
- A good trip to Ukraine for Ben.
- Annalise settling in to her new school.
- Ange's recovery.

## Please pray for:

- Peace in Ukraine.
- For our ministry in Ukraine.
- Good health for all 3 of us.
- Annalise in her new school. That she continues to enjoy it and do well.
- For God to provide our needs as a family.



Thank you for your prayers and support.

Blessings,

***Ben, Ange and Annalise***

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