

EMERGENCY PROPOSAL— WOOD BURNING STOVES

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YOU CAN DELIVER THE LIFE-GIVING WARMTH OF A STOVE AND THE HOPE OF JESUS TO SUFFERING UKRAINIAN FAMILIES WHO ARE WITHOUT HEAT IN THE WAKE OF BRUTAL ATTACKS AT THE HANDS OF THE RUSSIANS!

The past eight months have been filled with suffering and pain, death and destruction for the people of Ukraine. Russia's invasion and brutal assault on this peaceful nation have created the worst global humanitarian disaster since World War II.

The BBC recently reported that in a period of just eight days, "thousands of towns and cities across the country have been left without power, and President Volodymyr Zelensky said Russian strikes had destroyed about 30% of Ukraine's power stations."



As winter cold moves in, countless thousands of families and individuals hunker down in what remains of their cities and towns. They have no heat, little access to food, medical care — or hope.

DEEP SORROWS, ACUTE SUFFERING, AND NOW BITTER COLD

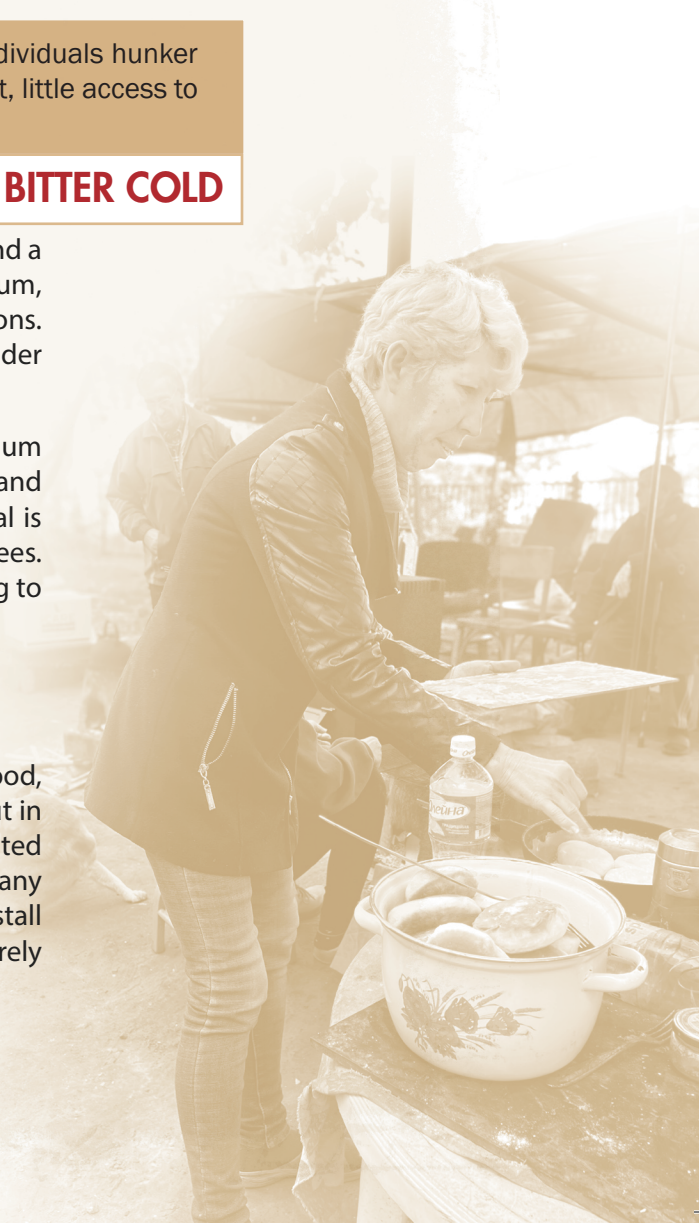
Claudia cooks food on a makeshift brazier made from an iron bucket and a grate. Six months of occupation by the Russian army, left her city of Izyum, in the Kharkiv region, with no gas, electricity, water or communications. Every morning, shivering from the cold, Claudia crawls out from under several blankets, bathes herself, and goes outside to kindle a fire.

The hospital in Izyum was ravaged by Russian soldiers, even aluminum wires were pulled out of the walls. But every day more and more sick and wounded come in hope of treatment. The temperature in the hospital is exactly the same as on the street, and at night it is close to zero degrees. The chief doctor of the hospital must wear a jacket and hat while trying to save lives.

A SIMPLE STOVE CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING

Each stove is of simple but sturdy construction. Designed to burn wood, the stove can heat one room and also serve as a cook top. Stepping out in faith, Mission Eurasia has commissioned 2,000 stoves from a factory located in one of our regional ministry hubs, using a workforce made up of many displaced people. Upon delivery, Mission Eurasia and partners will install the stoves to bring a source of heat and hope to people who are barely clinging to life in Ukraine's bitter cold weather.

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HELP AND HOPE—DELIVERED!

Stoves, along with firewood, iCare food packages, and Scripture were recently delivered to the city of Izyum—to the courtyard where Claudia lives, to the pastor’s shelter, to the hospital, and to the mayor’s office. Now a fire burns in every oven, heating rooms and heating food. The cold night retreats before the light of the fire as people move closer to the stoves to talk and read about the hope of the gospel.

OTHERS STILL WAIT, HOPING FOR WARMTH

“There are eight children in our family. My mom is seriously ill. We cannot leave the city—there is nowhere to go. During the day we look for food, and at night we shiver from cold and fear.” —Nikita, a boy from the destroyed city of Izyum.

Nikita’s family is waiting, hoping, praying for a stove. We promised we would return and bring warmth and hope to him and his family. Please help us keep our word.

COST The cost to provide one wood-burning stove to a family like Nikita’s is \$250—which includes the cost to manufacture, deliver, and install the stove along with a two-week supply of firewood. The total amount needed to provide 2,000 stoves to Ukrainian families is: \$500,000.

REQUEST Winter weather holds stranded and despairing Ukrainians in a death grip. Your prayers and financial support are urgently needed to deliver as many stoves as possible. iCare food packages will also accompany each stove delivery providing food and Scripture. This tangible gift of a stove and firewood is life-giving, and the comfort it brings to suffering, war-weary families is without measure. Further, this great gift is received in awe along with the great gift of God’s love. Neither will ever be forgotten by the Ukrainians we reach in the days ahead!

On behalf of so many devastated, freezing Ukrainians, please give generously now to provide as many stoves as you can, and invite others to join you to save and change lives this winter—and for eternity.

If you would like more information and/or would like to join us in this vital ministry project, please contact:



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