

This is what the **city of Kyiv** looks like right now ... **a terrible catastrophe**. It is so cold, and there is such a shortage of electricity and heating because of the Russian attacks that the pipes are bursting from the frost... a great human tragedy – caused by Russia's wickedness in destroying the energy infrastructure of the capital and the country.

A TREGEDY IN UKRAINE

The Russians have so thoroughly destroyed the power plants and heating systems in Kyiv (and throughout the country) with their bombings and drone strikes that not only

live people in freezing cold temperatures, but their buildings are also becoming extremely cold... and their pipes are bursting. **It is URGENT to pray for God's help.**

A pastor from Kyiv and a church near Chernobyl, and a friend of my brother in Montreal, **Maksim Dyomkin**, told me that it was 4 degrees Celsius in his apartment the day before yesterday (Friday), and that the tenants had to collectively decide whether to drain all the water from their heating and drinking water systems (to save their building) or find a way to get electricity to run the pumps. But power is only available for a few hours a day.

Many are waiting, unsure of what to do... and then everything bursts. In either case, no heating is possible for the rest of the winter. How sad it all is. It is currently -15 degrees Celsius in Kyiv, and it will be -20 degrees Celsius **THIS COMING week**. **Who can endure such hardship without being broken, in body and soul?**

Pastor Maksim wrote us these words of testimony after brothers and sisters from Canada were able to provide in order to buy and send him electric blankets, vests, and a 2000W battery from Poland:

"The situation is very difficult for us right now. Yesterday, the residents of our building got together to discuss how to protect our plumbing. In many buildings in Kyiv, the pipes have already started bursting, water is flooding apartments, and people are finding themselves without running water, or even without toilets. Some are already calling on people to dig pits outside to make makeshift toilets... it seems unbelievable, but it's the reality.

And coming up, we're forecasting temperatures of -25 to -30 degrees Celsius. Honestly, I can't even imagine what it will be like. We haven't had forecasts like this for a very long time, probably not for twenty years. And now, in the midst of war, it's incredibly difficult to prepare for all of this.

However, I am deeply grateful to you and all your Canadian friends for mobilizing to help our family. You are truly helping us survive in this reality, which, for many, has already become unbearable. I often find myself thinking: "Maybe we should pack our bags and leave, maybe just give it all up..."

But when I look, from the depths of my heart, at the people around me—the church, the ministry, the grandmothers—I understand that my departure would deeply disappoint many people. And for some, it would even be a disappointment to God.

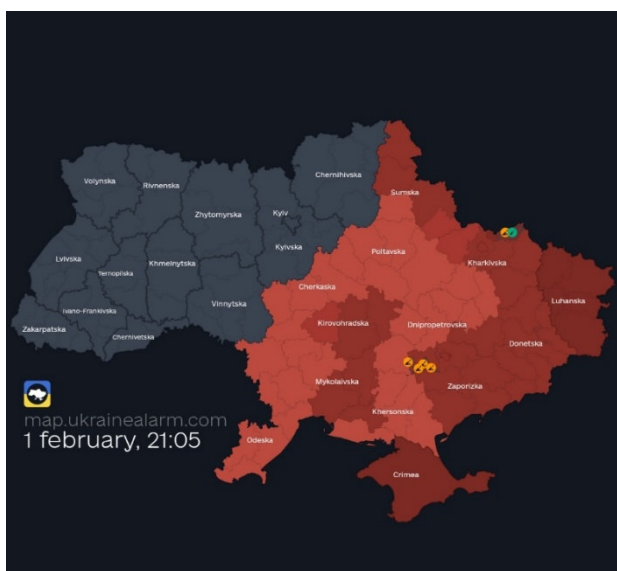
There are very few pastors left in Ukraine. Many of our brothers in faith have gone to the front. Others, who didn't want to go, are wanted or imprisoned—strange as it may seem, that's the reality today.

Today, reading your messages on the road, my heart overflowed with gratitude to God. And I heard a very clear and powerful revelation: when I dedicate myself to God's work, God takes care of my family. It's wonderful... and it's truly true. »

Here is another account, this one **from our Christian sister Iryna**, a journalist with Kostopil in Ukraine:

"Rescue workers are working in extreme conditions to restore heating and electricity in Kyiv. At a thermal power plant, divers spent six days repairing a burst pipe in icy water. In the Kyiv region, Oleksiy Brecht, one of Ukraine's top energy engineers, died. He was in charge of restoring the grid and was electrocuted.

The Russians have plunged us into darkness. Regular bombing raids have damaged most of the power plants. None have been spared by the enemy, even in winter, at such a low -15 degrees Celsius. Electricity is on for five hours a day, and in some cities, only two or three hours. In Kyiv, people are without electricity, heating, and water. My colleague has a young child, and they have been living without heating for three consecutive days, even though it's +5 degrees Celsius in their apartment. They're wrapped up like cabbages. »



Here is the map showing **the bombing alerts for this evening, February 1st...** Half of the country, Ukraine, is under threat from drones, ballistic missiles, and guided bombs launched from Russia. What terror for the country's inhabitants, especially at night! Every night, every night ... many lose their lives, or are seriously injured.

We pray for this country, and for the **Church**, which are **both** going through such a troubled time under constant attack from Russia. What a terrible war. What wickedness to wish to destroy a nation.

We are continuing our aid efforts in Ukraine. We are providing gifts to widows and orphans. A recent visit to a widow in **Kostopil** was a very moving experience—learning about her family history, discovering who her husband was, being amazed at what they could accomplish together, and then, sadly, listening to her tell us, with tears in her eyes, how her beloved husband died. There are tens of thousands like her in the country.

OUR CHRISTMAS 2025

We had such a joyous Christmas season. We were able to serve the Lord in two churches with our choir and our Christmas carol program and music organized by our youth group. **How edifying it was! What a joy to share the Gospel!** We also participated in two youth meetings: one for Christmas (with youth from five churches) and one for New Year's Eve. **Thank you for praying, as we asked in our December letter.** God was truly at work in our hearts and among those who were edified by it. We thank the Lord for ending 2025 with great joy and a blessing in our hearts. Really, what an experience it was with our Lord, walking and serving Him. **This gives us hope for even better things from the Hand of our Lord in 2026!** Even three of our neighbors came to our Christmas meeting for the first time—something we've never seen in 20 years of sharing our testimonies with them! We pray so fervently that God will save them from the condemnation and wrath of God to come (as the Apostle Paul foretold in **1 Thessalonians 1:10**). The daughter of one of these neighbors, barely 40 years old, is suffering from severe spinal cancer. Yet, no interest in the Gospel - - but we pray to meet her with a message of reconciliation with God while she is still alive and able to think and repent.



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CHURCH BUILDING IN ŁÓDŹ



We were deeply edified by our last Sunday meeting with **two elders from the church in Łódź** (here, on the left – **Pastor Janek**, and a wise Ukrainian elder brother, **Sergey**). Together, we rejoiced in the progress and the Lord's provision for the construction of the new building. God has provided many generous gifts, **totaling nearly \$79,000!** What a joy to see that gifts come from Heaven through donors like you.

THANK YOU to all who have prayed and given! **THANK YOU !**

To reach **the \$144,000 goal**, there is still a little encouragement to pass on to you ... 😊 since Half the funds are still needed. **Would God put it on your heart to help build a project to support a growing**

church in Łódź? It is truly BY FAITH THAT THEY ARE BUILDING THIS NEW BUILDING. I personally see the Lord's work in Łódź as a top priority.

Please consider, if you can, sending help – either by clicking on this link for an online donation: (https://www.fellowship.ca/qry/page.taf?id=33&dsfd_uid1=891), or by using the Fellowship form on the following page (with note: **Donation to Łódź for our SPECIAL PROJECTS, Jutras, Poland – account no M115**).

To our God be all the glory! How great is His work!



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Here are some pictures demonstrating **the great progress** in the construction of the

new church in Łódź!

PRAY for wisdom, Work Team on April 11-25th, and provision for materials and all the costs for the Permits.



1 – Exterior building

2 – Main hall for church services – a beautiful chapel, prepared for 130 people!

3 – Youth room on the second floor.



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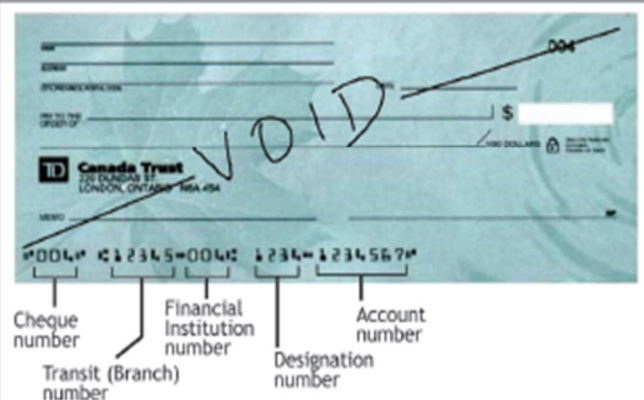
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