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INFORMATION AND PRAYER LETTER

...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Mt. 25:40b

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## Hanukkah parcel and help in Ukraine

## Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We thank you wholeheartedly for your constant prayers and support for the ministry of mercy for the remnant of God's people chosen in Ukraine.

In connection with the cruel war in Ukraine that has lasted for over a year, many severe changes of restrictions have been introduced, which most affect ordinary citizens, especially the poorest we care for. The war is also paralysing most spheres of normal, social functioning.

However, our dear friends and their co-workers from Ukraine do not sit idly by, but are, as always, actively bringing aid to the needy sons and daughters of the Israeli nation in this difficult situation.

Thanks to your generous support, we could once again organize food packages on the occasion of Hanukkah for our dear friends in all the places where our help reaches. We were able to implement this project in cooperation with Action Verziht from Switzerland, with which we have been cooperating for many years.

Due to the paralysis of the IT systems of the warehouse, in which we always supplied food packages, we faced a challenge to rearrange the assistance provided so far in such a way that our dear friends would not be left without care and practical support. Food packages were delivered in small towns, and in larger cities and towns we gave our friends food vouchers for which they could buy the most necessary products. We are extremely grateful to God for having overcome all difficulties and this help has reached everyone in time.

We thank the faithful God of Israel for the fact that in the darkness of this unnecessary war, He again showed His faithfulness to all our dear needy friends, and thus, thanks to His grace and your support, the Hanukkah light shone again in the hearts of those who, receiving this help, blessed and thanked every one of you. God, who has sent and sends his provision, is always faithful to His Word and His beloved people.

*Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! – Isaiah 49:15.*

In ShepetivkaZinow and Roza and in Vinnytsia Marina together with Serioza, organized food products for everyone covered by this aid, which was delivered to their homes or collected in person.

We are grateful to God for the fact that cafeterias in Vinnytsia, Zhmerynka and Mohyliv-Podilsk, despite many difficulties, are operated without much disruption. Only in Shepetivka dinners were turned into food products, which all those in need take home with them.

After the last visit to Ukraine, we see a great need to open a new cafeteria for the needy in Tulczyn. Such a cafeteria could be organized for 15 people. We ask you to pray in this matter so that with God's help it will be possible to show this type of help to the Jewish Community of Tulczyn.

Praise God! Food and other essential aid are still provided, but our friends who coordinate this work in different locations and are directly involved in this assistance need our prayers and support. We know that the one who appointed them to this ministry is and will be faithful, and their efforts are not in vain in the Lord. ... *stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.* – 1 Cor. 15:58.

In our prayers and practical support, we should particularly remember our dear friends who are mostly older and therefore in the group of the greatest risks. Many of those we are

helping have survived times of war and the horrors of the Holocaust. In the face of the overwhelming panic and fear in the media, they are also given to fear and doubts about their lives and functioning in a new, difficult-to-understand reality.

We are grateful to God for the opportunity to send emergency assistance to our dear friends in Ukraine, through transports co-organized by us from Poland.

As far as the upcoming plans in this ministry are concerned, we would like to entrust your prayers with the organization of food packages on the occasion of the holiday Shavuot (The Day of Pentecost), which is a joyful holiday for the Jews. It is associated with the first harvest of crops and will be celebrated in the second half of May. At this time, Ruth is commemorated, who, as a pagan, showed her love and support for her Jewish mother-in-law, Naomi. Encouraged by this beautiful example, we as this non-Jewish part of the church now also wish to provide practical help for the needy descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. That is why we ask you to pray and, where possible, to provide practical support for this initiative.

We are also planning a trip to Ukraine at the end of April. Since the war situation in this country is still unpredictable, we ask you all the more to pray so that the planned trip will come into effect.

As far as possible, we would like to take part in the March of the Living. At the moment, we do not have detailed information yet, but please contact us if you are interested.

In concluding this letter we would like to thank you once again for all your support and commitment to this ministry of God's mercy, which could not exist without Him and your help. We praise the Lord for having kept and preserved many sons and daughters of His beloved people. Once again, thank you for your continual prayers and all the help supporting this ministry. The smiling and grateful faces of many people who we help together accompany us in our thoughts and hearts. Accept from them all heartfelt expressions of gratitude and blessings. May God Himself in a wonderful way, bless, protect and guide you. *Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen* – Letter to Hebrews 13:20-21.

***Shalom from Oświęcim***

