

NEWS

WINTER 2022-23



Thank you

Our sincere thanks to the numerous sponsors and volunteers who have supported us. As we hope you will see from this newsletter, your contributions have been invaluable.



Alan & Pauline

Packing boxes and loading lorries

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we have received huge amounts of humanitarian aid to support refugees. Our warehouse has been a hive of activity. It was great to have so many volunteers helping to pack and load boxes.



TEECH partnership

We have teamed up with TEECH, another local charity, who have warehousing in Moldova and a distribution network. Moldova, a small country west of Ukraine, has been flooded with Ukrainian refugees to whom we have delivered aid.



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New lorry

UK-Aid and TEECH have purchased a 40-foot articulated lorry to help the distribution process. In the past year we have managed to deliver 300,000kg of aid!



March trip

In March, we joined a huge convoy of lorries and vans, transporting aid to Moldova, as we couldn't drive into Ukraine itself. This was the largest convoy ever to visit the country and attracted a great deal of media interest. Various Moldovan TV companies broadcast pieces about our trip.



Major locations mentioned in this newsletter

Border crossings

The Palanca crossing is only 30 miles from Odesa and we gave out large quantities of soft toys and balloons to the numerous children who were fleeing Russian bombing. Finger puppets were also incredibly popular!



BBC TV filming

BBC Look East visited our warehouse before we left for Moldova and made an extended follow-up piece after we returned. While filming, we received shocking reports that Chernihiv, where the Revival Centre is based, was being bombed.



Mobile phones

Mothers and grandmothers were very grateful for the donations of smart phones by law firm, Burges and Salmon.



Singerei summer camp

Refugees in Moldova are being housed with local families, as well as in hotel, school, university and summer camp accommodation. At Singerei summer camp we delivered a quantity of aid, including new microwaves and children's bicycles.



Svetlana

We were very relieved to receive news that Svetlana, our translator from the Revival Centre, had managed to escape the Chernihiv bombing with members of her family. She has made it safely to the UK.



Causeni School

Ruslan, director of a school in Causeni, was very grateful for the aid that we delivered for Ukrainian families housed there.



We returned to Moldova in June and met up with Katya, the daughter of Yuri, who works at the Revival Centre.



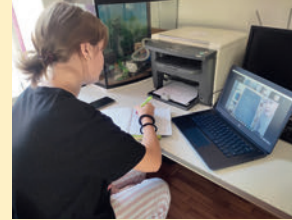
We gave Katya a large quantity of aid to take in a minibus to Odesa to support needy families.

A considerable amount of aid was also collected by Salam, a remarkable man, who is taking

enormous risks to deliver essential items to civilians living near the front line in the east of Ukraine.

Laptops

We took a large number of laptops, some of which we delivered to the Singerei summer camp and the school in Causeni. These will help refugee children with their educational needs.



Expo Refugee Centre

Many refugees are housed in Moldova's capital city, Chisinau. We delivered quantities of footballs, outdoor games and stationery items, and also entertained the children with magic and balloons.



Children's gift bags

Bags of toys and stationery items were given to Ukrainian children in Moldova. These were very popular indeed.



Visits to families

As in the UK, many refugees are being hosted by local Moldovan families. We visited a number of them in their homes and distributed food items and sanitary products.



Dr P keeps the Centre going

The city of Chernihiv has suffered from heavy bombing. The Revival Centre, however, under the guidance of the amazing Dr P, has



managed to continue its vital work, even though staff and children have regularly had to seek shelter in the Centre's cellars. Tragically, Natasha (pictured), a wonderful member of the Centre's staff whose smile always lit up a room, was killed by a Russian bomb.

Lviv trip

In October, Alan travelled with a UK-Aid aid convoy to Lviv in Ukraine itself. From there aid was distributed to Ukrainian families in Kyiv, Chernihiv, Kharkiv, Dnipro and Kropyvnytskyi.



Fundraising



We have organised a number of fundraising activities and financial donations enable us to purchase vital additional aid. To continue the charity's work, we still urgently need YOUR support!

UK children's letters



Ukrainian refugee children were delighted to receive cards and letters written by schoolchildren in the UK. Many wanted to write back, so maybe a school email address could be included on future cards.



For more information on our work, please visit our website www.uk-aid.org

Support received ...

Numerous local schools and other groups have raised funds and we are enormously grateful to all those who have supported us.

... more help needed!

We have a number of collecting boxes but now need these to be sited in appropriate places. Shops, surgeries and hairdressers are possibilities. **CAN YOU HELP?**

Can you help us?

Contact us on 01371 238941 or 07884 426551 / 07979 067268



Thanks are also due to Robbie for her superb design work, and to M&B Printers www.mbdesignprint.com for all their help and support.



Talks

A number of talks have been given to various groups over the past year about the charity's work; a meeting in Felsted was well attended and raised valuable funds.



Shopping List

The following items are urgently needed:

- **MOBILITY AIDS**
(e.g. Crutches, Wheelchairs)
- **FOOD**
(e.g. Tinned Fish, Pasta, Rice, Oats)
- **MEDICAL ITEMS**
(e.g. Colostomy bags, Bandages)
- **TOILETRIES**
(e.g. Shampoo, Soap, Wet wipes, Antibacterial gel)
- **TORCHES**
- **CLEANING PRODUCTS**
(e.g. Washing powder)
- **NEW Bedding/Sheets/Towels**
- **CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR GAMES**
(e.g. Footballs, Tennis rackets)
- **STATIONERY**
For children (+ Craft items)
- **KITCHEN WARE**