

# News from Stella's Voice

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## HOW YOUR SUPPORT IS HELPING IN UKRAINE

Since the earliest days of Russia's onslaught on Ukraine, we've been there to help — thanks to your support.

So when Russia recently destroyed the dam in the city of Kherson and claimed the homes and lives of thousands of people, we rushed to get lifesaving supplies to those who had been displaced.

One refugee named Veronica shared with us the fear she feels every day, saying, "The unknown is that **you do not know what will happen in a minute to you, your loved ones.** When . . . you cannot reach your husband for 5 hours, who is standing in line for bread with his two older sons ... **your heart breaks out of your chest at the sounds of an armored personnel carrier passing by the house and the sounds of automatic rifle fire.**"

It is indeed heartbreaking. But we are humbled and honored to be there for families like Veronica's in any way we can — as your generous love provides food, good clothing, vitamins, and over the counter medicine.

Beyond that, we're also providing little personal items like nice scarves — not just basic things — so they can own something nice and feel a little special, not just like mere refugees and aid recipients.



**And the kids in our care are part of efforts to care for refugees and those who have been driven from their country because of the war.**

So when Russia destroyed the dam, our girls made up bags and took them to the partner organization we work with, to their facility, and the refugees came to meet with them. **Our girls spent time with them, prayed with them and of course shared the items.**

Thanks in large part to our supporters, these kids now have real hope for the future, despite the huge challenges they faced before we met them. It is such a blessing to see them now joyfully working to also bring hope to those in desperate need.

**Please consider donating again now to help others like Veronica.**

■ Many of the members of Veronica's family are with her, and thousands more families like them have been profoundly impacted by the war. Despite all they face, many are holding fast to the Lord, serving Him and serving others, Please keep them in your prayers.



# SUMMER CAMP & SUMMER JOY

Can you think of a more quint-essential summer than time spent at camp?

Over the summer, our kids were busy running camp for the kids in the nearby Cupcui orphanage, as well as other local village children.

It was a huge outreach opportunity as they shared the Gos-

pel with upwards of 100 kids every day, and diligently poured love and compassion into the lives of these young children.

For sure, we also made sure they had lots of fun, yummy treats and days chock-full of entertainment and special activities that they would otherwise never be able to enjoy.

More importantly, they also learned that they matter, that they are loved, and that God loves them too. **Thank you for making this possible!**

■ Seeing our kids and staff loving in Jesus Name and working hard to put a smile on the faces of these precious kids in the Cupcui orphanage is one of the greatest joys we have.







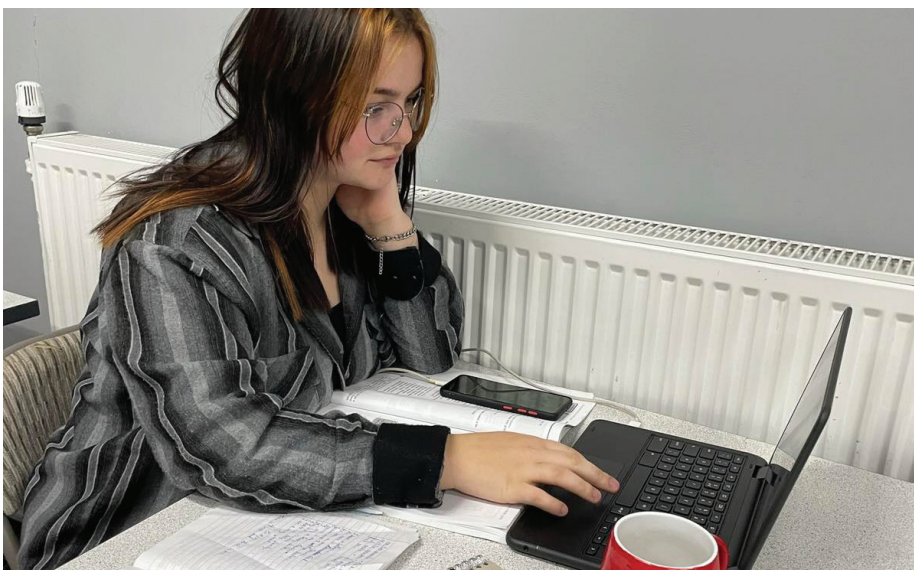
# THE START OF A BRAND NEW LIFE

Nine of our kids graduated from our home this summer — a massive accomplishment!

To get them started on their new lives, we're helping them find jobs, and assisting with their accommodations and needs until they can start generating income.

For kids who had no hope for the future before they came to our homes, it's a dream come true to see them standing on their own two feet and meeting the challenges of adult, independent life. **It's truly heartwarming, and reassures us that the work you make possible is worth it many times over. To be part of their stories is a blessing.**

And no sooner than these nine kids moved out, more moved in. It's an awesome privilege to be a partner with you in seeing so many of these beautiful lives being changed forever.



■ Hope is what you see in the eyes of these kids as they prepare for a future that would not have been possible without the generous love of those who give and pray each day.



# ONGOING NEEDS

While we've been able to accomplish many wonderful things together, the needs are ongoing. With three homes to run, and many mouths to feed, more support is always necessary.

We've been here in Moldova for over 23 years, and it's gotten only more dangerous in recent years as Russia continues waging war on Ukraine. The threats to Moldova's young people from criminals and

human traffickers is increasing, which makes our outreach infinitely more important.

**We have to keep our homes running. We have to keep our kids fed, clothed, and safe from all harm.**

And with 40 kids to get ready for getting back to school soon, they need supplies, tuition money, and the loving mentorship of our house parents to help them choose the right courses for their planned career path.

We also need the resources to continue sending food, drinking water, and other necessi-

ties to refugees and displaced people in the region. **The war's human toll is, frankly, incalculable, and we cannot turn our backs on those in dire need.**

Thanks be to God that we're right there with the volunteers, the infrastructure, the transportation and the love and support of wonderful friends like you! Together, there is a huge opportunity to make a difference in so many lives — so please give once again today.

■ By God's grace and the help of faithful friends, the teens in our homes, Cupcui orphanage kids, and children from refugee families are fed, housed, cared for and loved each and every day.



## GIVE INSTANTLY!

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