

Situation in Ukraine



- Hensie Van der Merwe has fled with her family from Odessa to western Ukraine. Her son was able to be evacuated from Kiev with students yesterday and is now overjoyed together with the family after a dangerous journey.
- Nikolay Niuniaiev (national coordinator) has stayed in Odessa with his family, helping those in need and risking his life.
- Slavik from Odessa has written that he and his family are doing well. He wants to help families with many children and foster families to escape and is looking for contacts where they could possibly be accommodated somewhere in Europe.
- Pray especially for the Youngstars children and leaders in Eastern Ukraine and for children in orphanages; the situation is extremely threatening.
- Oksana in Vasilkov (near Kiev) is asking for prayer especially for the young children and their mothers, as well as for pregnant women. In Vasilkov, homes are being bombed.
- Galya from Kharkov spent several days and nights in a garage with her 2-month-old baby, neighbours and family. Last night, by some miracle, they survived the terrible bombing. Now she is on the run with the baby.
- A very encouraging WhatsApp from a soldier: „We feel your prayers very concretely. Sometimes inexplicable things happen, as if an invisible hand is thinking bullets and projectiles away from us. We come out of situations victorious, as if someone were accompanying us. We are not seen by the enemy, even when we ourselves do not see anything and do not know what we should do. We believe that Jesus himself is with Ukraine. We ask you not to stop supporting us and keep praying. We need you very much. It gives us courage and strength.“

Youngstars Poland (Markus Karzelek National Coordinator)

- We are very grateful for the blessed conference of the Brethren churches in Poland, where we were able to inform about Youngstars Polska and lead workshops. The focus was on children and youth ministry.
- We are delighted with the first registration for our introductory course in May.
- Ala and Ola would like to start a Youngstars group in their church.
- We are preparing for the summer camp in July.



In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Mt 5:16

Juropa

- We need wisdom as a board on how to deal with the Ukraine crisis. We have taken first measures in a special meeting.
- Pray that the war will not prevent international work and that it will not spread

please continue to pray:

- that new Youngstars groups will be formed in the next few months
- for a new treasurer on the Juropa board
- Pray for a new suitable person as project leader for the YoungstarsWiki from the Youngstars International Pool.

Youngstars International (Daniel H.)

Thanks:

- For the relaxation of the Covid19 rules in Austria and that now all national leaders can come to our national leaders meeting. At the moment we have 30 registrations.
- Rasa from Lithuania has contacted me and wants Youngstars to continue there.

Prayer Requests:

- From 4 to 6 March I will be at the annual Micii Exploratori encouragement weekend in Romania.
- From 18-20 March I will be at the BESJ team weekend. Please pray for new contacts with youth leaders who would like to do an outreach abroad.
- From 23-26 March the annual National Leaders Meeting (NCM) will take place in Salzburg, Austria.
- As part of the NCM, we will have the Youngstars International GA on 26 March, where our new board will be elected. Please pray that God will put together the most suitable team for YSint.
- Also at our NCM we are planning charity race, Youngstars-style, with box stacking and rope bridge. We hope and pray to reach 5'000.-sfr.

