

## Ukrainians turn to the Bible for hope

Despite the war in Ukraine Bible mission there not only continues, but has expanded. The Bible Society leader in Ukraine, Oleksandr (pronounced Alexander), says that people fearing for their own lives and the lives of loved ones are turning to the Lord in ever greater numbers.

From Kyiv he said this: 'Churches are filled with people wanting to pray and find comfort. People call us and visit daily, desperate to get Bibles. But our stock for the entire year is almost gone. People are taking whatever we have. One pastor pleaded for Bibles that were damaged or even copies with pages missing.'

Oleksandr added that the Bible Society team in Kyiv has been given a special military pass to travel around the city to distribute basic aid and Scriptures. He sent us a video of him in the back of a van packed with children's Scriptures. He describes the Bible worker at the vehicle's wheel as a hero, as he risks his life driving through streets delivering Bibles.

Other Bible Society workers are in southern Ukraine, delivering Scriptures and basic aid to people in hospitals and bomb shelters. As missiles explode around them these people clutch Scriptures just handed to them. Through God's word they find strength and hope.

The words of Psalm 31 have become a mantra for Ukrainian people: 'Terror on every side! They conspire against me and plot to take my life. But I trust in you, Lord. I say, "You are my God."' (verses 13–14, NIV).

The Bible Society team in Ukraine thank you for your prayers. Please pray the fighting will end soon and that more people will find hope through the Scriptures.

There are many agencies providing humanitarian aid, which is so important. But for Scriptures, people in Ukraine are relying on the generosity of Bible Society supporters.

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