

2024 YEAR END REPORT

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AT A GLANCE	1,534,000 POUNDS OF AID	7,200 PEOPLE SERVED	68 BAPTISMS
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In the midst of a ravaging war in Ukraine, 2024 brought a lot of expansion and hope. Mulberry International registered a **new humanitarian foundation in Ukraine, "Because I Believe" (BIB)**, to streamline and expand our reach throughout the country.

We named **Volodymyr Kavkovsky** (pictured on the left) our national Director and the President of the Foundation. We now have over 40 volunteers registered with our foundation who dedicate their time and skills to drive to the most war-ravaged regions, to build homes and to deliver aid and hope to local residents.

In the U.S., Mulberry went through a major transformation. In the spring, our board conducted strategy sessions to re-evaluate our mission statement and ministry goals. Mulberry made some significant changes as a result.

We started in 1997 as a ministry to at-risk children and orphans in post-Soviet Crimea. In 2014, Russia annexed Crimea and we had to move our ministries to Mariupol, Ukraine. At that point, our mission expanded to also include displaced and suffering Ukrainians from the war that broke out in Eastern Ukraine. In 2024, we saw a need to modify our original mission statement to follow God's leading in war-torn Ukraine. We started with a focus on orphans and at-risk families and now we felt the call to help suffering people of all ages through the work of local churches. The war made the whole country at-risk and the Ukrainian Church rose to the occasion. We want to be a part of this movement.

Our new logo represents the collaboration of partners and the expansion of capacity.

Our new mission statement now reads:

Mulberry International shares the hope of Christ and alleviates suffering of Ukrainians by building the capacity of Christian ministry partners and by empowering churches to fulfill the Great Commission.



Alleviating Suffering

In 2024, through our 8 regional ministry centers throughout Ukraine, we have delivered help and hope to thousands of internally displaced and marginalized people! In war-ravaged eastern towns and villages, next to the front line in the Donetsk region, where stores, conveniences or basic logistics have been destroyed, 200 shut-in people received their weekly bread and about 9,000 lbs of potatoes. Every month, 500 people received 16,000 gallons of drinking water. Our volunteers blessed 100 people there with warm shoes and 1,500 lbs of firewood. Ten people were evacuated to safety.



Our BIB team delivered around 720,000 lbs of aid to over 3,000 people in the Kherson region, where shelling and flooding from the exploded Kakhovka Dam destroyed villages and towns. As a result of operating under our Foundation, we were able to provide not only food, clothing and household items to war-torn villages and towns, but acquire and deliver materials to build new homes and renovate destroyed houses in the Kherson region. In 2024, we've built 50 new houses for those families who lost their dwellings and renovated a few homes and 2 church buildings!

International Disaster and Emergency Services (IDES) blessed us with a grant to dig a well on a local church grounds in one of the villages close to Kherson. The fresh water well provided sustenance for 800 local residents and started drawing more people to church.

In the northeastern city of Zhytomyr, we provided food packages, clothing and basic household necessities to 1,200 internally displaced families every month. In the city of Drohobych, 200 internally displaced people received regular aid from our workers.

In the southeastern region of Chernivtzi, we provided daily sustenance for 40 internally displaced persons living in a church shelter. In addition, our local team reached out to over 500 internally displaced people sheltering in three remote villages. In 2024, over 50,000 pounds of aid was distributed. Every month, about 550 people received food packages, clothing, firewood or household necessities.

In the southern city of Ismail, we support a shelter for internally displaced people that houses 75-90 people. We provided hot food three times a day (6975 hot meals every month!) and heating for these people.

In Kyiv, our team provided after-school care, school supplies and food packages to 12-15 displaced children through a weekly Christian club outreach.

We delivered 620,000 lbs of firewood to 2 shelters and 1 church, as well as dozens of families in different regions of Ukraine.





We also provided life-saving support for families and children living in occupied regions (Crimea and Mariupol). Our team in Crimea reached out to 70 displaced and at-risk families and 120 children every month and conducted a weekly children's ministry, "Good Gatherings", at a local church. In 2024, we bought school supplies, shoes and uniforms for 50 at-risk children.

In Mariupol, every weekday, a dozen at-risk children attended our children's ministry, "Saving Lighthouse", where they were fed a hot meal and taken care of after school. About 20 families received food packets every month. In 2024, almost 100 children received school supplies, shoes and uniforms.



Sharing Christ

In 2024, the operations of our Foundation, "Because I Believe", encompassed the cities of Zhytomyr, Kherson as well as two villages in the Kherson region. At each of these places we worked through a local church or planted a new church.

In Zhytomyr, we had so many people coming to receive aid and hear the Gospel that we grew out of our warehouse. We had to rent an adjacent building to start a new church. Now, 30 people attend this new church and 1 person was baptized.

In Kherson, we supplied aid to a local church which grew to 300 people and baptized 35 people into Christ.

In the Kherson region, 100 people started attending church in one village and 80 people the other. In 2024, 12 people were baptized in one and 8 in the other.

In Kyiv, through our children's ministry, 4 families started attending a local church and 2 people were baptized.

Our shelters serve as churches as well. In the Ismail shelter, 75-90 residents heard the Gospel through their weekly services and had an opportunity to attend a nearby church on Sunday. Ten people attended weekly Bible study at the shelter, and 3 of them have been baptized.



In the Chernivtzi region, our team conducted evangelistic services to over 500 people monthly, traveling to remote villages to minister to internally displaced families there. They also visited people in their homes, prayed and cared for them. Over 550 people heard the Good News every month, and 3 people were baptized.



Through the Saving Lighthouse children's ministry, 120 new people started attending church. On Saturdays, 30-40 children attend our programming and about 25 children attend Sunday School and service, along with their parents. Many of them heard the Gospel for the first time. One person was baptized.

In Crimea, our team conducted Christmas, Easter and summer camps at a local rehabilitation center for drug/alcohol users. Each time, 25 teenagers and adults heard the Gospel and learned about transformative power of God. Through our Good Gatherings program, 15 children learned about God every week and were invited to attend church with their parents. We started 2 small groups for those who don't have means to get to church. We also supported 3 foster families who care for orphans in their loving Christian homes.



Good Samaritan Children's Home

Nineteen orphans, 13 staff and their 9 children are still living in evacuation in rural Germany. We are providing for their daily and special needs. One of the children at Good Samaritan was taken back home to Ukraine by his mother, whose life has been changed by Christ. She found Jesus and a new husband, a local ministry leader. We rejoice when a family is restored and serves the Lord together!



Last summer, our international mission team from America and Ukraine conducted another summer camp for the children, and it was an amazing time! We built solid friendships, gave kids the time of their life and staff a much needed respite. The children have daily prayer time, Bible study and attend 2 local churches. Four of our children were baptized in August 2024.

We are so thankful for your support and prayers in 2024! Without you, none of this would have been possible.

Join us in praising the Lord for the work of His global Church in **sharing Christ** and **alleviating suffering!**