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Hello Friends,

In a year that has been filled with the unexpected, we couldn't be more thankful for your support of our work in Europe. The invasion of Ukraine rocked the continent and affected almost every aspect of our ministry here at GEM. And yet, none of this was a surprise to the God we serve. In the midst of uncertainty, we've watched story after story of lives transformed by Jesus.

At the start of the war, we gathered a taskforce to quickly assess the needs of the Ukrainian people and the border countries that would be most affected. Our team launched into a three-tier approach: Relief Now, Support in the Transition, and Multiplication of the Gospel. Through the grace of God, and your generosity, we've been able to serve over 87,000 Ukrainians with physical and spiritual needs as they fled their homeland.

Beyond the work around the Ukraine, we've seen our ministry continue to expand across

Europe. Our workers have planted churches, led camps, served their neighbors, and turned strangers into disciples. Though the last several years of ministry have been tough— a pandemic and now the war— our passion to see Europe transformed by Jesus has only increased.

I can't even begin to express my appreciation for your continued prayers and support of Greater Europe Mission. The burden of this important work is an honor to bear, but we couldn't do it without you. Thank you so much.

Yours with passion and belief,



Jon Burns
President & CEO



700 *workers
worldwide*



gospel conversations
11,000+

400 *new believers
(approximately)*

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NUM

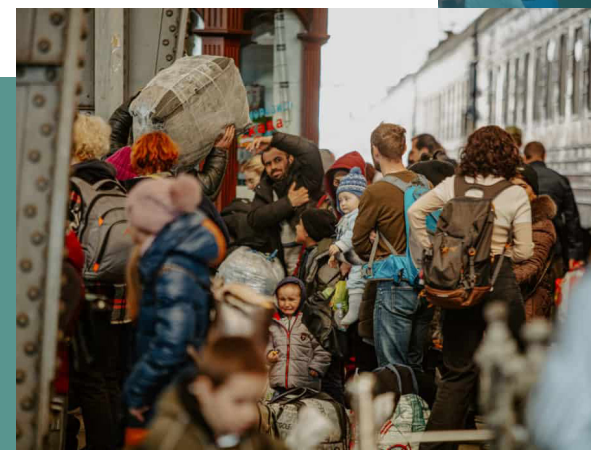


ANNUAL NUMBERS

40

*newly appointed
missionaries*

discipling relationships
13,000+



2008

outreach events




NEW BELIEVERS IN WAR TIME

The reality of war and its implications for those affected have been well documented over the past months since the Russian attack on Ukraine. Most of us feel a sense of helplessness when conflict breaks out on a large scale and yet the lives of average people like us are most affected.

For many of us there are clear steps of action we can and must take to help alleviate suffering, especially for refugees. It is often the most simple and basic things that can have the greatest impact on people in need.

During the summer of 2022, Greater Europe Mission staff helped to sponsor a family camp in the Czech Republic at a hotel approximately ninety minutes from Prague for families affected by the war. To date, the Czech Republic has absorbed tens of thousands of Ukrainian refugees.

A group of four people are sitting around a metal mesh table outdoors. On the left, a woman with long dark hair is looking towards the center. Next to her is a young man with dark hair, looking down at something on the table. On the right, an older man with glasses is leaning forward, looking at a tablet or book. Behind him, a woman wearing a black baseball cap is also looking towards the center. The background shows green foliage. The entire image has a blue tint.

The camp was simple— crafts, games, and sports activities— but the impact on the lives of the participants was profound. Oleg, the pastor of 21st century church in Prague and a GEM partner requested our help to sponsor the camp. He expressed his heart for the refugees: “At our camp, they could have some relaxation from the bombing and get in touch with the good news about God’s love.”

Greater Europe Mission has always been about partnering with European believers who are seeking to make disciples for Jesus and grow His church. We sent a group of summer interns in GEM’s Ten2 Project based in Brno at the time to serve at the camp. By working alongside Pastor Oleg, we can see God’s Kingdom take visible form in the darkest corners of Europe. He commented, “We would not be able to touch more than 100 lives without your help. Most all these people came as refugees from Ukraine.”

Since the camp took place, our partners on the ground have had continued relationships with many of the campers. One woman from the camp gave her life to Christ and was recently baptized. Even now, other campers are going through baptism classes in preparation for their next step of faith.

Due to the success of this effort, Pastor Oleg hopes that with the help of GEM staff, there will be another camp next year. We hope so, too, as we pray for an end to the conflict which has been the source of so much suffering and upheaval.

Pray with us for continued capacity to maintain resources to help refugees in desperate need as the conflict carries on and Ukrainian refugees continue to resettle elsewhere. Pray also for the spiritual needs of the refugees, that many will come to know Christ because of the care shown to them.



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UKRAINIAN RELIEF

87,155

Ukrainians served

250,000

dollars used for Ukrainian
refugee efforts

4

vans purchased
to bring supplies
over the border
into Ukraine

24

large appliances
(washers, dryers,
refrigerators, etc)

60+

space heaters
purchased

100,000

Ukrainian language Bible
verse booklets given with
food

65+

locations
received
resources from
the Ukraine
Crisis fund

WHY *europa*?

We believe that Europe
is the most overlooked
mission field in the world.

Europe is UNREACHED

Most European countries have a population where
less than 3% claim a relationship with Jesus. Many
Europeans can go their entire lives never interacting
with a believer of Jesus.

Europe is CRITICAL

Europe is the intersection of world cultures. Now, the
ongoing refugee crisis has brought the nations to the
shores of Europe, making it more critical for world
revival than ever before.

Europe is READY

The economic, political, and immigration turmoil of
the last decade have laid the foundation for Europeans
to be ready to meet Jesus and His followers.

FOLLOWED BY CONTINENTS

Europe 2.9%

Asia 3.2%

Africa 15.9%

South America 1.1%

Oceania 19.8%

North America 2.9%

*Statistics according to the Joshua Project

RS OF JESUS
NENT*

19%

21.3%

project



“Through the ministry of GEM workers Jay and Beth Vetter, other organizations, and national partners, churches are being planted and lives transformed by the love of Jesus.”

**2.2
Million**
spent on church planting



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MULTIPLICATION IN PARIS” AT
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MULTIPLICATION-IN-PARIS](https://GEMISSION.ORG/DISCIPLESHIP-MULTIPLICATION-IN-PARIS)



MINISTRIES INVEST

“It’s now 2022. The television crews have left the island and life has gone on for the millions who were stirred with compassion those seven years ago. But what is the current state of refugees on Lesbos?”



READ: “STILL HERE:
REFUGEES ON LESVOS” AT
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REFUGEES-ON-LESVOS](https://GEMISSION.ORG/STILL-HERE-REFUGEES-ON-LESVOS)



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1.1 Million

spent on refugee ministry



1.8 Million

spent on university ministry

**“Jacky Falk began praying
for God to start a movement
amongst university students.
What started as a regular prayer
walk around the local university
campus has grown into a weekly
outreach ministry.”**

READ: “REACHING UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS IN FRANKFURT” AT
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FINANCIAL REPORT

income

Contribution & Support:	\$25,928,552
Gain on Donation of Assets:	\$2,824,493
Interest & Other Income:	\$601,195
Total Income:	\$29,354,240

expenses

Program Services:	\$24,841,572
Management and General:	\$3,290,339
General Fund-raising Expenses:	\$613,010
Fund-raising Expenses Incurred by Missionaries:	\$1,067,892
Total Expenses:	\$29,812,813





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