

SPECIAL REPORTS



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Thanks to your quick action and generosity, Halyna Tadai, 38, with her two children, Nadya, 9, and Vladimir, 11, were safely sheltered during their time of greatest need in the basement of St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Kraków, Poland.

Your love is helping Ukrainian refugees find shelter and hope.

As the war in Ukraine continues to threaten the lives and livelihoods of vulnerable children and families, many are searching for a way to help. Pastor Łukasz Ostruszka, the pastor of St. Martin's Church in Poland, has found one.

With the goal of providing urgently needed help to refugees, his congregation rapidly remodeled their church basement and transformed it into a shelter.

When Lutheran World Relief staff in Poland found Pastor Ostruszka's church in need of help with this big project, your loving gifts made it possible for us to step in and offer it. Thanks to generous friends like you, when families arrive to St. Martin's Church, they are greeted with toys and milk for the children, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hygiene products, toiletries and energy biscuits.

"This was a space for our parish meetings, but now it's a hostel for refugees," says Pastor Ostruszka. "A place to sleep, to be warm."

The first group of families to seek shelter there is coming from Kharkiv, a city heavily hit by the war. Pastor Ostruszka's wife is coordinating the families' three-hour journey by bus from the border to Kraków. The women and their children will have a safe place to rest, and, because of your compassion, they won't have to worry about finding essential items.

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A MESSAGE FROM DANIEL



The love you share through your generous support is truly a gift. With it, you play a critical role in ensuring the love of God reaches every

corner of the world — and that is a beautiful thing.

Today, I want to invite you to join an exclusive group of donors who share God's love every day of the year as members of our *Faithful Neighbor* monthly giving program.

As a *Faithful Neighbor*, your monthly gift can make a powerful impact in the lives of God's children who need our help the most, sustaining families in need all year long.

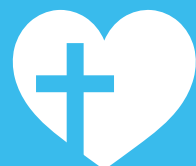
I hope you'll take a moment to visit lwr.org/monthly and prayerfully consider joining our community of *Faithful Neighbors* today.

In Christ,

Ambassador Daniel Speckhard
President and CEO

Called to Love Our Neighbors

“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.”



— 1 John 4:7 (NRSV)



Pastor Ostruszka is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love and support from caring friends like you. You're giving children and their moms a sense of security and lifting them up at a time when their lives have been turned upside down.

Your love helps Ukrainian refugees, continued ...

“Everyone is welcome,” says Pastor Ostruszka. **“We hope they will feel at home.”**

This is just one example of how your generosity has made a lifesaving impact on vulnerable Ukrainian children. Families in dire need of immediate aid have found food, water, shelter, clothing and medical supplies — because you care.

Our work there is far from done, however, and we pray for your continued support of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Every gift you send helps offer love, hope and support to vulnerable neighbors who need it most.

Thank you for all you are doing to help Ukrainian families during this time of crisis. Many have left everything they've ever known behind, but because of you, they know they are not forgotten. ■

Your love makes a lifesaving difference

For the past three years, extreme rainy seasons in South Sudan have resulted in catastrophic flooding, threatening the lives and livelihoods of nearly a million people — people like Nafy David and her family.

When their home was demolished by the floods, Nafy and her five children barely escaped with their lives. They walked for 10 days with no food or water until they reached Mogok — a sprawling displacement camp in northern South Sudan.

There, Nafy had no way of earning a living to support her family — and that's exactly what your love provided for her.

With your previous generosity, Nafy was able to get the supplies she needed to start a kitchen garden. The crops she grows help feed her children and provide her with income to send them to school.

This is just one example of how your love is making a difference for families in South Sudan who are suffering from disasters and struggling to survive. Thank you for making a powerful and lifesaving difference for our most vulnerable neighbors in the world's poorest countries. ■



Thank you for bringing hope to neighbors around the world who are living in crisis.

Donor Spotlight

A Melody of God's Love



Liese reflects on God's love while practicing the organ for the upcoming church service.

For decades, Liese Shewmaker has served as an organist at her church in Vermont. Week after week, she plays songs that remind her of God's incredible grace and inspire her to think about her neighbors in need.

“I feel a deep gratitude for Lutheran World Relief and other church programs because we can channel love and gifts to those people” says Liese. “It gives my conscience a way to live out my own calling.”

Liese's compassion and faithfulness make a life-changing difference for children and families with the very least. Through her love and generosity, they are empowered with the tools and support they need to thrive.

“I've realized that all that I have is from God,” she says. “To return it to God is the least I can do.”

We thank God for the love and support of friends like you and Liese, who give generously from your own resources to help our world's most vulnerable children. Together, we will persist, until your love reaches every neighbor.

To find out more about how you can be a source of life and hope for neighbors in need, visit lwr.org. ■

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK AROUND THE WORLD

El Salvador

Your generosity is reaching poor, remote communities, where your neighbors are struggling to get water during a prolonged drought. Your support helped them assemble reservoirs to collect and store precious rainwater, providing a source of clean water.

The Philippines

After Super Typhoon Rai devastated communities, your love rushed emergency support, including water filters, essential household supplies and cash, so families could buy food. Because of you, families received lifesaving support in their time of greatest need.

Tanzania

Your compassion is helping to end blindness caused by trachoma, a disease of the eye caused by a bacterial infection and endemic in the country. Thanks to you, more than 9,500 people have received critical sight-saving surgery and antibiotics.

Thank you for sending your love to your neighbors across the globe!

Become a Faithful Neighbor through monthly giving.

Your monthly gift of \$29 or more does so much.

For Pumam, your faithful giving saves her family from hunger until they can feed themselves, then sends help to the next family in need.

Become a part of the **Faithful Neighbor** family today so your love reaches further and stays longer.

JOIN TODAY at lwr.org/monthly.

Until your love reaches every neighbor.



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