



# Plain Compassion Crisis Response

bringing hope into disaster

## 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly Newsletter



**Trust in the LORD** with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and **he will make your paths straight**  
Proverbs 3:5-6

from the director's desk:

## Trusting God

If someone were to ask you to summarize this past year's experiences in a single word, what would that word be?

For me, the word is trust. I believe God has been asking me to trust Him to a greater level this past year by putting things in my life that caused me to put my faith and confidence in Him. It all started with the project in Kentucky in December of 2021. The response for that project turned out to be bigger than we anticipated and I remember thinking that I'm not sure we can pull this off. But God, He had all of this in mind and much more. Looking back now I think all He wanted from me was to trust Him.

God certainly provided the means for a successful response in Kentucky, and little did we know what lie await for us just two months later.

In February of 2022 the war started in Ukraine and in a short time we had a team of volunteers from five different countries. Not only did he provide a great team to carry out the work but provided unprecedented funding for the Ukraine project. A huge thank you to all of you for making this happen! Only God orchestrates things like that. I clearly remember wondering what the year might hold in the beginning of 2022, and yet, I look back at all that has happened and marvel at Gods grace and provision once again!

Looking into this next year I once again wonder what lies ahead, but I'm more confident than I've ever been that He will be there! Some of our goals for the next year include completely furnishing the first response tool trailer and continue to develop the First Response Training.

We are also committed to the work in Ukraine and we ask for your prayers for the team. They are constantly in intense and dangerous situations as they deliver food and stoves to the front line villages.

At the time of this writing we have sent four of our trainees to Ukraine and in a few weeks we have plans to send three more. One of the highlights for me is to see the youth of today given purpose in their lives and passion to fulfill that call, whether it's here on the home front or abroad.

Regardless of what your goals are for this year, or what you're going through, choose to trust Him with your life.

Thank you all for your continued prayer and financial support!

May God bless you and keep you.

*Merv King*

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Peace I leave with you;  
**my peace I give to you.**  
Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your  
hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.  
**John 14:27**

# Ukraine

God's protection and guidance in 2022

by **Daniel Beiler**

Operations Director and Field Director in Ukraine

This past year has been a growing experience for myself and the organization.

In January and part of February, I was working on several other projects, but at the beginning of February, we started getting reports of a potential Russian invasion of Ukraine. We discussed it and came up with a response plan if this sets off.

On February 24, Russia invaded Ukraine, and within 18 hours, two of us left home and were on our way to Ukraine. After landing in Hungary and spending

several days there, we ended up in Ukraine. Within two weeks, we built a team of 20 people and had 7 vehicles on the road.

The first need was for evacuations, and later turned into moving food to the places where it is needed. Eventually, the work transitioned to the place where we rented a warehouse and started moving 50,000 pounds of food a week. Most of this food went to churches and shelters feeding the displaced people.

The front-line areas are military access only and we started looking for ways to reach these communities. We started working with a military chaplain to have church services and do distributions in the front-line communities. This was often in areas of active combat, and it was not uncommon to have missiles flying over our heads and landing on all sides of us. God had his protecting hand over us and we were never hurt.

We are still doing distributions, some evacuations and are supplying churches and IDP shelters with food. To date, we have moved 1.9 million pounds of food and evacuated 780 people. We



have transported sick and injured people to hospitals and have transported several dead bodies.

Thank you for your prayers, financial support, and for believing in us. We appreciate each one of you!



*Come again, we're always glad to see you and love serving with you! Thank God for you!*  
*With love from Nikopol!*

*- Oleh, pastor from Nikopol*

## Thank you!

notes from Ukrainians

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!  
You helped us so much already... thanks to your shipment, many of the children here got sweets for Christmas. We are very grateful for you and hope to keep working together in the future.*  
*- Sasha from Cherkasy*

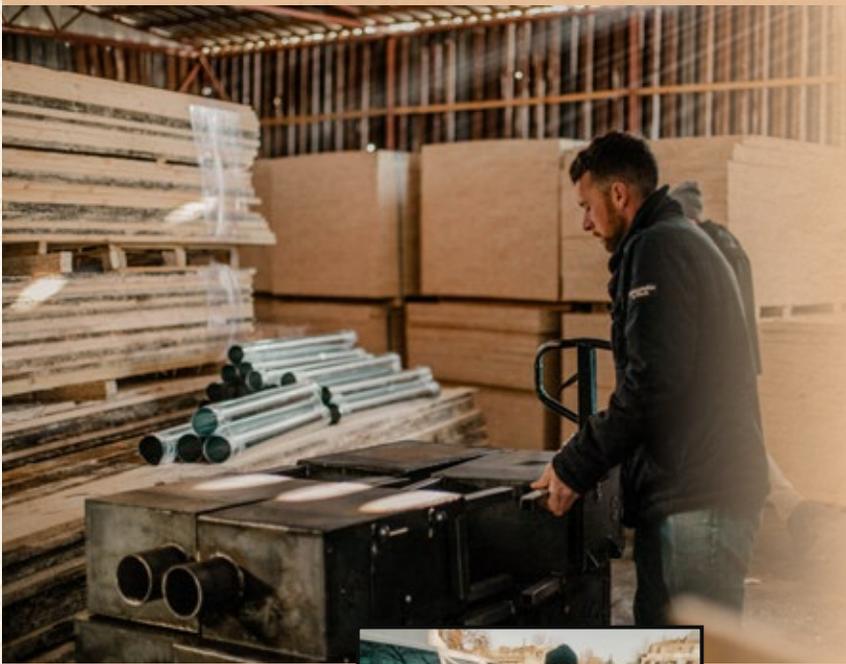
*Happy New Year! May you enjoy good health, clear skies, and the fulfillment of all your wishes and dreams. It has been a pleasure to get to know you, you are amazing people with a kind open big heart.*

*Aliona Silina from Kryvyi Rih*

## the WARM project

This winter we are partnering with Samaritans Purse and are working on a wood stove and firewood distribution project. Our role is finding the recipients and distributing 320 wood stoves, along with the firewood to go with it.

The project has been an enjoyable part of the work here. It feels good to see people set the stoves up and once again have a warm house to live in. Most of these stoves and the firewood are being distributed to people who have no source of heat. The winters here are hard and it makes their lives much easier. Now, they no longer need to survive the winter with thick winter jackets and blankets and they are very grateful. To date, we have distributed 200 wood stoves and 500 cubic meters of firewood.



# 2022

statistics for Ukraine



## 1.9 million

pounds of food transported

a total of over 1,483,000 meals for people with little or no access to food.

**\$25** = food for **5** people

**\$125** = food for **25** people

**\$500** = food for **100** people

These amounts enable us to provide that many people with food and medicine for a week or more.

## 780

people evacuated

## \$25

allows us to evacuate one person to a safe place.



## How you can help

Ways to donate:



**Card:** Visit our website:

[www.plaincompassion.org](http://www.plaincompassion.org)

OR: scan the QR code to the right.

**Check:** Make the check payable to:

**Plain Compassion Crisis Response**

Write Ukraine on the memo and mail to:

PO Box 356 - Honeybrook, PA 19344



## Spending Report

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2021

**2022**

2023



<i>Ukraine</i> <b>\$365,721.97</b>	<i>Haiti</i> <b>\$33,835.40</b>	<i>Admin</i> <b>\$84,197.38</b>
<i>First Response</i> <b>\$128,321.50</b>	<i>Kentucky</i> <b>\$13,709.90</b>	<i>Colombia</i> <b>\$45,059.58</b>



# US Response

*reflecting on the past year*

Early in 2022, we finished the deployment for the Kentucky Tornado. Later, we responded to two additional disasters, one was the flash flooding in SE Kentucky, and then Hurricane Ian in Florida.

In 2022, we had some internal leadership changes take place for the US Response Program and I assumed the US Response Director position in May. It was a year of gaining a thorough understanding of all the dynamics involved with the responsibilities of the position.

The current project is to fully equip the tool trailer. We had purchased it early in 2022 and one of the guys on our team volunteered to put in customized

shelves and tool boxes. At this point, it's very close to finished, we're also working on purchasing tools to get the trailer stocked and ready to roll out for future responses.

Thanks to the generous donors and several hardware stores providing discounts, we were able to purchase the necessary tools. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this!

This year, we are actively looking at expanding a few other areas of US Disaster Response program and it's program, and it's also really exciting to see all the continued interest in people wanting to participate and grow through our First Response Training.

**by Mervin Beiler**

US Response Director



Donated tools  
from Ebling's





# Haiti

helping a starving nation

by **Kendall Nolt**,  
International Response Director

For many years, Haiti has been a political roller-coaster. Ups and downs including (but not limited to) gang violence and the 2010 earthquake that killed approximately 170,000 people. In 2021 there was a sharp increase in gang violence which eventually led to the assassination of the president in July of 2021. This was followed by another significant earthquake in 2021, all of which leads up to the current crisis.

Since the assassination of the president, gang violence has surged. They now hold all the shipping ports hostage. This means that the food supply for the entire nation is completely shut down, leading to mass starvation of a population that's already mostly malnourished. The ports also supply the fuel, and as a result of the gang activity, there's currently a massive fuel shortage. Water filtration facilities rely on fuel to operate and subsequently shut down, leading to a mass outbreak of cholera.

With the recent drastic uptick in violence, Haiti is now considered one of the most dangerous places in the world. This has led to many organizations and missions to withdraw their staff. Natives and especially foreigners are threatened with kidnapping for ransom, murder and rape.



*measuring out rice for distributions*

Plain Compassion first responded to Haiti immediately after the 2021 earthquake. We worked with multiple organizations to do medical first aid and medical evacuations from nearly inaccessible areas.

We are now partnering with a family that already lives in Haiti. Together, we can purchase and give at least some people enough food to keep them alive. Local churches have stepped up to help to distribute food to vulnerable communities, especially women, children, and older people. Another place we have been able to work is the prisons. There is a huge humanitarian crisis in the Haitian prisons. Though it is difficult to gain access, we have been able to bring much

needed food and hygiene kits to some of these facilities. Through the distributions in these prisons, we were granted permission to hold prayer services. Most recently, there was an amazing breakthrough and we got permission to start a bible study with the inmates. Many of these individuals are turning to Christ as a result of the food distributions.

We appreciate your prayers and support for the work in Haiti. We are called to take the gospel to every nation and by the grace of God, we are able to work in these places to do so.



## { statistics }

21,284 lbs of rice  
3,079 lbs beans  
283 gallons of oil  
149 cases of milk

were distributed directly to  
1,741 people

...a total of  
28,178 meals

as well as  
14,890 meals  
for inmates in two prisons

## How can I help?

### Ways to donate:

**Card:** Visit our website:  
www.plaincompassion.org  
OR: scan the QR code to the right.

**Check:** Make the check payable to:  
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Write Haiti on the memo and mail to:  
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Scan to donate



## hygiene kits

hands-on project for inmates in Haiti

Here is an opportunity for a hands-on project for businesses, churches, youth groups and individuals!

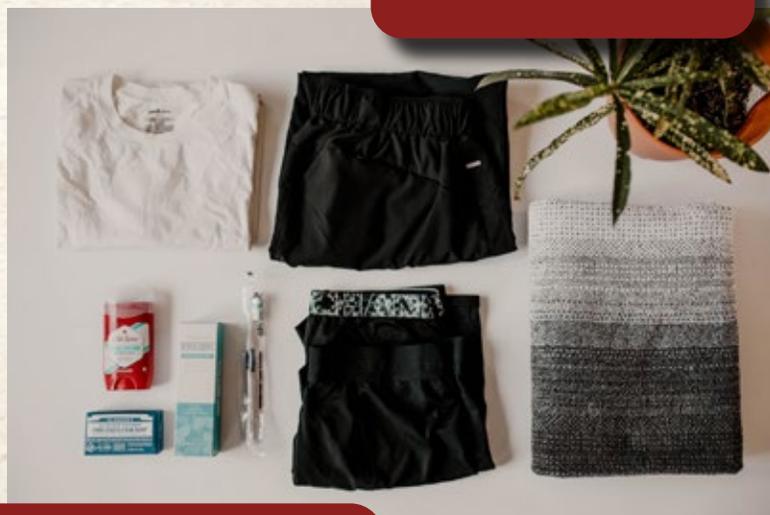
We're needing 1,200 hygiene kits for the prisoners in Haiti. Most of them are lacking even the most basic clothing and hygiene articles and we'd like to invite you to come alongside and help fill the need.

If you'd like to help, check out the link below for instructions. For any questions concerning the project, text Harvey at 717-454-5913.



### kit contents:

- T-shirt
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- dark Towel
- Bar of soap
- light sweatpants
- Deodorant (non-spray)
- 2 pairs of boxer shorts



Scan the code for more details.

<https://plaincompassion.org/fields/haiti-aid>



*temporary bridge in Ukraine*

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Year-End Fundraiser

Thank You!

Thank you for your support in our year end fund drive. Our goal was to raise \$300,000 in the month of December. We reached that goal and much more! In total we raised \$474,000. This helps us fund the work in Ukraine and Haiti while continuing to build our training program. God bless you for your support!

