For centuries, the cross has been a symbol of both suffering and redemption; it represents Christ's tribulation in death and the celebration of new life found in the resurrection. The cross is the tree that promises good fruit on the other side of suffering: the restoration of all things. Since war broke out in Ukraine, NAB missionaries who work in Eastern Europe have been serving as emissaries of this promise by providing resources, care, and support to some of those who need it most, serving as agents of peace in any way they can.

When you give to the Global Missions Fund, you are, in part, helping to support the work of missionaries on the front lines of Gospel work in the world. Your generosity will help ensure this vital work can continue in announcing the Kingdom of God here on earth – in Eastern Europe and elsewhere.

After the war began, the team at Camp Falcon Rock quickly opened up the doors of the camp to refugees in need of a place to stay as they made their way out of Ukraine toward safety. One of the refugees, a young Nigerian woman studying in Odesa, had previously made plans to be baptized, but those were interrupted by the war. As the camp team worked with her, an opportunity arose for her pastor from the church in Odesa to come to Romania to perform the baptism at Camp Falcon Rock! This was just one of many beautiful moments in the midst of darkness as this young woman shared her testimony and publicly confessed her devotion to Jesus as her Lord.

While Gary Clatterbuck has been unable to travel to Russia or Ukraine, where he serves as an NAB liaison and a teacher for our seminary partners, he is still in communication with both seminaries, as well as several students. In addition to providing encouragement in these difficult days, Gary is also continuing to serve as a liaison with Odesa Theological Seminary, helping connect them with necessary resources to keep classes going in the midst of war.

One of the most direct ways the NAB has been supporting relief efforts to the people of Ukraine is through the Community Health Evangelism ministry overseen by NAB missionaries Ron and Jeannie Seck. One of their most recent CHE partners is Leonard Hanykovics. Himself a Ukrainian refugee, Leonard has been working with MEK, the Hungarian arm of CHE, to make regular supply runs to the border, where he connects with a host of partners in the country to take food, medical supplies, and hygiene products to the areas most in need.

God blesses those who work for peace. for they will be called children of God.
Matthew 5:9 (NLT)

While all these efforts have been supported through overwhelming generosity of those who have given to the Ukraine World Relief Fund, it is ongoing gifts to the Global Missions Fund that support NAB missionaries as they plant Kingdom fruit all across the globe in the work of medical missions, church planting, seminary instruction, camp ministry, discipleship, and more.

We invite every NAB church to set aside their March 26 service as Spring Missions Sunday to receive a special offering for the Global Missions Fund. Whether it's through Spring Missions Sunday or not, your gift to the Global Missions Fund of $100, $500, or any other amount helps support the work of NAB missionaries serving around the globe.

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