



# L & E Ukraine



## 2022 Annual Report

**Introduction:** 2022 has been a very difficult year due to the Russian war on Ukraine. Despite this situation and many challenges, we were still able to reach illiterate people and those wanting to learn English as a foreign language.

**Literacy Ministry:** This year it was not possible to hold Teacher Training Workshops (TTWs). Travel was virtually not possible and dangerous. For over half a year Kherson was occupied by the Russian army and was freed only in November. Nevertheless, in spite of these circumstances, we were able to teach reading and share the Gospel to individuals in various Roma communities.

**EFL Ministry:** In spite of the war for most part of 2022, English as a Foreign Language continued both online and as in-person classes. Especially among the younger generation there is a great need and interest for learning English.

### Ministry Statistics:

**Literacy Classes:** 11      **Literacy tutoring sessions:** 167

**Literacy Students:** 26

**EFL Classes:** 20      **EFL Tutoring sessions:** 227

**EFL Students:** 34

### Ministry Finances and Resources

Due to the impact of the war, there were and are many physical needs in the communities where we serve. We are grateful that through additional funding that ministry friends provided, we were able to provide food, toiletries, heating supplies, medicines and other essential items to poor and needy individuals in the community where we serve. Over \$6,000 were received and distributed for war relief helps thus far.

Sadly, the place where we had our stocks of the Ukrainian and Russian primers (Tavrisky Christian Institute) has been ransacked and partly destroyed by the Russian army before the area was freed and retaken by the Ukrainian army. At this point it looks that we have lost all primer stocks. This makes it necessary to re-print both

primers as soon as literacy ministry activities can return to normal. Additional funding will be needed for this printing project in due course.

**Comments:**

Since the start of the war on February 24, 2022, many people left their homes for security reasons and moved to more secure places. This affected also the board members of L&E Ukraine. Yuriy Kolesnik was able to return to Kherson only in the middle of November 2022 and resumed serving his church congregation in the city; Anatoliy Shkarin moved with his family to the United States; Milena Rudnitska was not yet able to return from Poland to Ukraine after the war started; Valentin Syniy currently resides in Ivano-Frankivsk after evacuating from Kherson.

**Prayer Requests:** Please lift up the following prayer needs:

- For the war to be over soon;
- For those people who due to the difficult times come to hear God's Word and are open to accept Jesus;
- For opportunities to teach TTWs in 2023;
- For literacy and EFL students to grow in their faith and capacities.

Thank you for your support and interest in literacy and EFL ministry in Ukraine. Please see also the added stories of some of the people that were receiving practical help during this national crisis.

Gratefully,

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for Literacy Ministry in Ukraine

See following pages for photos and stories.

*...may the poor and needy praise Your name.*

Psalm 74:21b

Nadia is my literacy student since 2018 and we were about to finish the second book of primer when she and her family had to leave Kherson. It wasn't an easy decision for them, but staying in Kherson was impossible as they were exhausted emotionally and didn't feel safe. On the photo from left to right Tania (Nadia's sister), three children of their relatives in Krivoi Rog, Milana (Nadia's daughter) and Nadia.



Another literacy student, Maria, (on the left) came along

with her relatives to seasonal work in Kherson and was about to leave for home when the war has started. Maria was 13 back in March when we met. She comes from Transcarpathia. We had only 6 literacy classes with her and then they were able to leave and arrived home safely.

Three other students are young men with disabilities. Slava was able to read some, but needed classes on writing and how to understand what he reads. Sasha was completely illiterate. His passion for studies helped him do even more than what the classes required. Another Sasha had some learning disability and couldn't remember things he just learned. When the war started we couldn't meet for classes anymore and later we found out they left Kherson.

Oksana Kotsaba from Odessa were able to teach 4 students but because of war many left Odessa and even Ukraine, so they only had 4 lessons.

Vladimir Motsachenko, who serves in the village of Berezovka of Odessa region, shared that there is a group of 15 Roma people gathering at his place. Vladimir reads from Bible to them and explains what is unclear. They worship God together. Many Roma families try to leave escaping the danger of war; thus, no literacy classes were held.

Iryna Movchan, from Oleshki (still under occupation), has 2 literacy students. One of them is Dima, the Roma orphan who was accepted to a Christian family along with his younger brother. They continued their classes even in the time of occupation.

The total number of Iryna's classes in 2022 is 75.





God provided many chances to witness about Him and encourage many, being His hands and feet, providing food and medicine for all-age and different social status individuals.



Among them are single mothers, people with disabilities, elder people who live alone, large families, families with 3 and more children, people who needed medicine and those who lost their jobs.



## LONG-DISTANCE MINISTRY

Yana is Ukrainian missionary who serves to Ugandans for about two years now and because of many local languages she found it very useful to teach English and literacy to those who are in need. Through these lessons many opened their hearts and shared their pain and joy with her, allowing Yana pray for them. Some of her students are native *acholi* and others are native *alo*. Yana got married to a local Christian and together they continue to serve children, teaching them Bible and providing for their needs. Also, Yana leads 2 groups



of women, teaching them literacy with LEI materials. In 2022 Yana taught 7 literacy students and had 14 classes with them.

Evgeniy Cherniaev serves to the Roma in Moscow, Russia. He was a part of LEI TTW in 2020 and since then actively puts it to practice. In 2022 Evgeniy had 7 students and met with them weekly to help them learn to read and write. He had 51 classes total.