



After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.
Revelation 7:9

Ukraine Appeal Update



APWM has been overwhelmed by the overflowing generosity of so many members of the Presbyterian Church, and some beyond, who have given so generously toward this Appeal. To date \$394,000 has been donated. In the past, such Appeals have resulted in donations of around \$60,000 so the current response has greatly exceeded expectations. (The exception to this was Vanuatu's Cyclone Pam in 2015 for which \$355,000 was received).

Our Moderator General, the Rev Dr Peter Barnes writes: "This is a most encouraging result indeed. God has moved in the minds and hearts of His people. The God of all grace has inspired acts of grace. With many thanks to everyone for their generosity."

In the Moderator General's Appeal, it was stated that donations would be channelled via the Rev Dr Granville Pillar, who with his wife Ibolya, live 50km from the

Hungarian–Ukrainian border. Since so much has been donated, we have discussed with Granville the need to seek other avenues for distribution of these funds. Many may not be aware that APWM has a number of Partner Agency relationships with the major Australian mission Agencies which serve around the world. With Granville’s agreement, we have also begun to send funds to another trusted channel — European Christian Mission. We are currently in discussions with two potential additional channels which we hope to finalise in the next few days.

We currently have two channels for the distribution of funds:

Granville & Ibolya Pillar in Hungary, working with various partners based in Nyíregyháza. Granville writes:

“Our city, Nyíregyháza, the third largest in Hungary, is close to the border, so many refugees are making their way here from the smaller border villages. Our local government, schools, sports halls and the university are helping to accommodate them.

We had an urgent request from Ukrainian doctors living in Hungary to help fund the provision of medical supplies. The first shipment was dispatched recently to the border, and from there they were transported by the church workers to the front to help the wounded soldiers. The other area where there is a great need and where we can help is giving supplies to the orphanages – many of the children are handicapped. We are collaborating with a Christian Ukrainian lawyer and his wife who live in Hungary to find the best way to get funds to help these children.”



The man in the photo above is one of the people who we are supporting through Granville and Ibolya. One need is to get medical supplies to the refugees. In another interview he told how he is working with the medical staff of a hospital in western Ukraine who are directing the supplies to where they are most needed. If you click on the photo you can watch a YouTube video where he explains how the need for food and practical help is being covered but the priority now is to ensure that the people get much needed healthcare.



Our other channel is [European Christian Mission](#), with whom we have a long-standing partnership and who have people on the ground across Europe who are directly working with Ukrainian refugees. If you click on the photo above you can watch a YouTube from European Christian Mission video showing goods being sent to refugees. Toward the end of the video you will see refugees themselves being transported.

Thank you to those who have prayed and given so generously.