

Update:

Dear Brothers,

I hope this finds you in sound health.  
I got back to Kochi this evening.

Here is a short update:

Jude -

Having attended the General Chapter, Jude is safely back in Toyohashi.  
We thank him for representing us at the Chapter.

Bill -

After a successful surgery, Bill is recovering in the hospital.  
He is on a rehabilitation program to help him regain his feet.  
This Friday he will be transferred to Kyushu-Koga Hospital for the  
continuation of his rehabilitation.  
We will continue to remember him in our prayers.  
Let us also not forget to pray for Bernard's mother.

Ukraine -

Attached is a report from the OMI in Ukraine.  
See also the link below.

Thank you.

Brad

Ukraine situation: Fr. Pavlo Vyshkovskyi,  
OMI <http://www.vaticannews.cn/en/church/news/2022-10/ukraine-war-oblates-interview-physical-psychological-aid.html>

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Dear Brothers!

We wish to express our eternal gratitude for the financial support of our ministry in Ukraine today. Unfortunately, the war between truth and lies has been going on for over 6 months in our lands. People suffer and die in this war. Many people were forced to leave their homes and workplace, often escaping only with documents, even without things or food. Many of these people have found refuge in our churches and monasteries. Some have already returned to their homes to rebuild them and ask us to buy building materials such as windows, roof coverings, brick for rebuilding walls, and others.



War destruction



Queue for help to our monastery

Many people have lost their jobs and have no means of subsistence, so they come to our monasteries for food, personal hygiene, and clothes. In our religious house in Obukhiv, we cook food, which we later serve on the spot, and deliver meals to Kyiv, where it is distributed in various parts of the city.

In our other monastery, in Tyvriv, we provide guest rooms for refugees. Since February, several hundred people have found shelter. About 50 people are still forced to live there because they cannot return to their towns and homes, which are located in the areas occupied by the Russian army. The families living in our house in Tyvriv do not have a job and no money to protect themselves, therefore they are fully dependent on us.



War destruction



Feeding the poor

We spend quite a lot of money on the maintenance of refugees. Still, these people are currently unable to rent a flat or feed themselves, as many workplaces are closed or destroyed. We can continue to help such people thanks to your generosity.

Unfortunately, the war against Ukraine is still ongoing, and we do not know when it will end. More and more people will continue to lose their flats, livelihoods, or even health, as was the case a few days ago, when a rocket fell near our monastery in Obukhiv, which not only destroyed neighboring buildings but also caused one person to lose a leg.

Thank you once again for your solidarity, financial support, and especially for your prayers, and we continue to ask for your prayers and financial assistance. May the good God reward you all a hundred times and protect all of you in peace.

With respect and prayers, Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate from Ukraine.



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