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Mission Action Profile (MAP) in Ukraine

Christians are taking hold of the challenge to rebuild the church and their communities in this post-soviet era. Growth and freedom have long been suppressed – today offers great opportunity in the midst of struggle. The stories of hardship and the opportunities to bring a vision for healing and hope are a strong motivation for being involved in ministry. Mennonite Church Canada Witness is making a difference in the Ukraine.

- The **Evangelical Mennonite Church** in Zaporozhye is receiving financial support for its ministries of compassion like care for seniors done in association with the Mennonite Family Centre and efforts in evangelism.
- **Cliff and Natasha Dueck**, Witness workers in Kherson, are leading an emerging Mennonite congregation in a suburb of Kherson. Their efforts directed at children and youth are attracting people to this fellowship.
- **New Worship Facilities:** The Zaporozhye and Kherson congregation have recently acquired buildings to act as centres for their worship and fellowship.
- Sergei and Elena Denyikin, a **Ukrainian couple**, are being supported in their ministry with a new congregation in a town nearby Kherson.
- **Church planting:** Each congregation is reaching out with plans for new congregations. For example: the Zaporozhye congregation holds a Bible study in Nikolaipolye, a former Mennonite village, as an initial step to planting a congregation in this community.

What is on the horizon? Together with the Mennonite Brethren Missions/Service International and LOGOS International, Mennonite Church Canada Witness is supporting the formation of a new “Christian Union of Mennonite Churches” in Ukraine. This union includes the Mennonite congregations in Kutuzovka and Balkovye located within the former Mennonite settlement of Molotschna as well as the Mennonite congregations which are sponsored by Witness. The larger body with greater resources to encourage one another will strengthen the church in the Ukraine and its testimony to God’s love. On behalf of MC Canada congregations, Witness has promised \$95,000 to fund the salaries of pastors and leaders in these congregations and to help with program expenses of these congregations as they reach out in their neighborhoods. Your help to make this promise a reality is greatly appreciated.

You are invited to send your contributions to Mennonite Church Canada Witness, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4. Please note “**Ukraine Ministry**” with your cheques to MC Canada Witness.