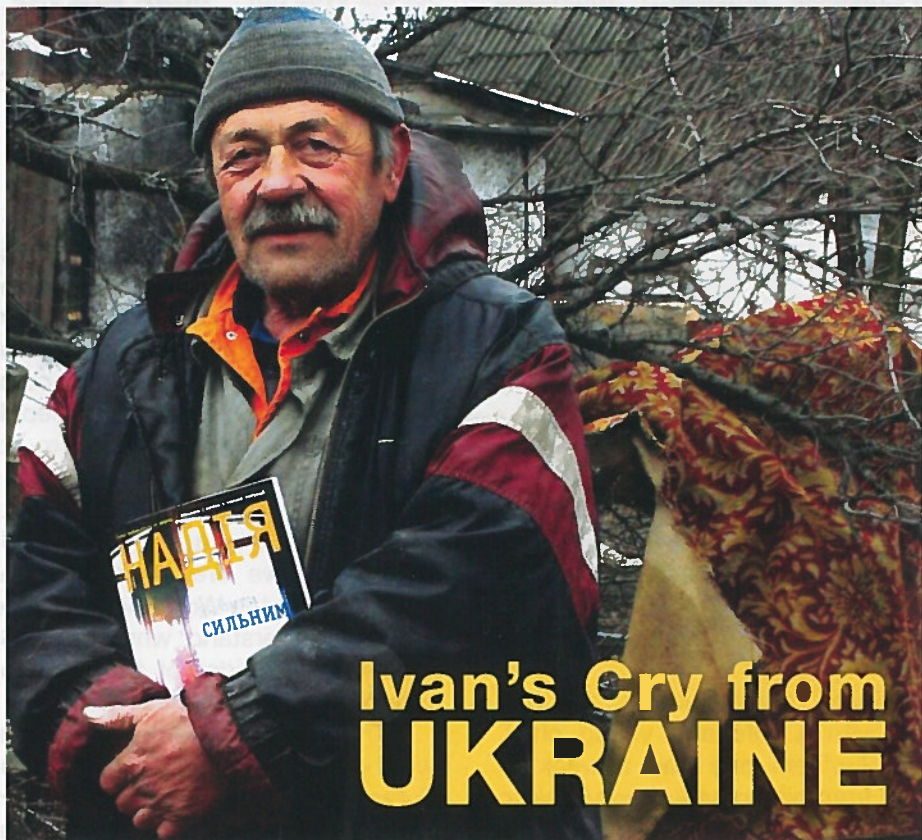




# The Gideons Around the World

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## Ivan's Cry from UKRAINE

Like a ray of warmth against a grey background, hope is impacting lives in war torn areas of Ukraine.

Ivan is a medical professional living in a remote village in eastern Ukraine near the battlefield. When some Christian young people visited his town to bring much-needed

supplies, Ivan was surprised and thrilled to receive a Ukrainian Hope Scripture magazine.

"Thank you so much, young people, that you are not indifferent to our plight! My profession is in resuscitation and emergency care. I spent all my life in the hospital in an attempt to save people, and now I

live in a dilapidated house, without communications, without a pension, and constantly in fear of explosions and gunfire—and I don't see any help coming to our village.

"Thank you for your Hope magazine, clothes and food. I will read the gospel, because earlier in my medical practice I witnessed many cases causing people to believe in God. I was not attentive to His voice then, but now I think a lot about God. Please come again to our village, because while the war is raging, we have no help. There are people who are starving—physically and spiritually."



Alexey Youditsenko is a young man with a wife and young child. He volunteers one day a week to travel from his home in Berdyansk to areas devastated by war to share the gospel, along with food and clothing.

"We went to one village," he said "where we heard there was no food and no water supply. We put on bulletproof vests. As we arrived at the village, shooting started. One bomb fell about 50 yards away. We weren't afraid for our lives but for the lives of the people we had brought supplies for. We knew that if we died, we would go to heaven, but the villagers..."

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"One man who saw the explosion said he wished he would just die. When we gave him a Hope magazine, tears came down his face. 'You people can die here,' he said. 'Why did you come here? I don't understand.' People would grab the magazines from our hands and ask us what was written inside. 'How much were you paid to come here?' they asked us. We told them, 'No, we are Christians who have brought the Word for you.' They couldn't understand why we would come in the midst of the shooting with no personal financial gain."

Thanks to committed Christians who work with our partner, Mission Eurasia, these Hope magazines are finding their way into communities that are depressed and desperate.

What a privilege for The Gideons to partner with Mission Eurasia to bring the hope of Christ to this part of the world. Pray for those young Ukrainians who bravely follow their calling to share the gospel in those dangerous places.

If you'd like to help share Hope in Ukraine, please visit [www.gideons.ca/ukraine](http://www.gideons.ca/ukraine)



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