

Nature of Mission: Short Term Relief Mission Team

Subject: Ukrainian Refugee

Ministry Host: Biserica Crestina Emanuel (BCE), Galati, Romania

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Background: Since the Russia-Ukrainian war broke out in Feb 2022, over 11 million refugees have left their home. Among them, over 800,000 of them are in Romania (Source: UNHCR 27th May 2022). BCE Galati is an active church in the city of Galati, a city near the border of Ukraine. The church has been actively involving in church planting in surrounding villages. Currently, with the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the church is striving to be a light to Ukrainians who have fled the country as well as to those who have chosen to stay.

Objective of the Trip: The purpose of the trip is to support the church volunteers who are working hard on a voluntary basis to provide for and show God's love to up to 125 Ukrainian refugees daily who live in their church building. Some of the church members are working over 40 hours a week and are extremely tired because it is never ending. The team will join and work the church team (with some training) for 2 days before taking charge of the running of the refugee centre for the rest of the week.

Here are a number of essential information:

- The Ukrainians received consists of a mixture of Christian's and non-Christian (mainly non-Christian)
- Team size: Maximum number per trip – 10
- Proposed Dates – 27th June – 4th July 2023
- Arrival time: Ideally, you should arrive in Bucharest about lunch time to allow time for the 4 hours road journey to Galati.
- Timetable based on an 8-days trip
 - Day 1 Flight and travel to Galati
 - Day 2 – 3 Learn how to run a refugee centre
 - Day 4 – 7 Run a refugee centre
 - Day 8 Travel to Bucharest airport
 - Day 8 Afternoon flight home(The trip will also include a visit to the border crossing from Ukraine to Romania)
- Costs per person: Around £260 + flight costs + travel Insurance
 - Accommodation in Galati - approx. £15-25 per person per night (Bed & Breakfast)
 - Return travel to Galati to Bucharest airport – approx. £30 per person
 - a £70 contribution to the church – e.g. meals
 - Extra: (1) Flights (Luton – from £138 return at the moment)
 - (2) your own causal expenses
 - (3) Travel Insurance
- Activities can include:
 - Cleaning toilets and floors
 - Changing beds
 - Packing and unpacking trucks with food and goods for Ukraine
 - Sorting clothes
 - Praying and Sharing with refugees
 - Food prep
 - Counselling women (only for native speakers)
 - Playing with kids
 - Overnight duties