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On Monday, March 14th a team of four committed adults are heading to Eastern Europe to be the face of help from the Asheville Area. The evolving humanitarian crisis we see on the news has prompted a local team from AVL City Church in Arden to take direct action and be involved in more than just giving financially toward world needs. The majority of this team are Ukrainian refugees that escaped former decades of violence and persecution who now call the USA their home. They see their first culture and birth country being destroyed and their beautiful friends and family displaced by unwarranted violence and chaos.

Motivated by the direct desire to be love, this peace-carrying team will provide vital aid, offering legitimate help and hope to those directly impacted in Eastern Europe. They are committed to providing hands-on help in the form of logistical support, practical resources, compassion, and spiritual care.

Team member and Pastor of AVL City Church, (avlcitycenter.com). Sergio Fesiuk exclaims, "I think the majority of us see the injustice and want to assist but aren't sure how. We understand not everyone can be involved indirectly going. The last thing we want to do is burden an already strained supply chain of resources and compete with the people on the ground in need. We are in the unique position of having been invited, and planned for the extreme responsibility to not cause harm in any way."

Team member Ferrin Cole says, "There are lots of ways to be involved in immediate relief. We are committed to allocating a strategic relief fund with transparency and pledge 100% of the given donations will be used to help those in need. It's hard to find a fund where 0% of it is used for administrative costs— but this is that. Every penny given is going directly to those in need."

*If you feel compelled to contribute directly to the assistance we will be providing here is the link:
<https://avlcitycenter.com/crisis>*

We were recently asked what the best thing to donate is, so here is that list:

- 1. IFAK kits- these are war-zone first aid kits for treating trauma wounds.*
- 2. Emergency Pressure Bandages (often called Israeli Bandage). You can get them at Walmart.com, Amazon.com, and other places but the trick is getting them in time.*
- 3. Celox Gauze.*
- 4. Windlass or C-A-T style tourniquets.*
- 5. Iodine pads.*

We would need these items by Sunday at noon at AVL City Church 3867 Sweeten Creek Rd. Arden, NC 28704. There is a collection bin on the porch there at that location. Spreading the word on this would help tremendously.

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