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Greetings dear brothers and sisters.

Over the past month the situation of military actions has not changed much. The war in Ukraine is still going on. Sirens do not stop roaring; missiles bombs fly in and explode. People are dying in battles; houses are being destroyed and this forces people to move to other regions of Ukraine or beyond.

The situation with refugees from Ukraine remains unchanged. Even if the number of refugees is not as high as it was at the beginning of the war, the care and workload has not decreased. At the beginning biggest part of refugees who came to Moldova left after a few days, now, fewer come, but more stay. There are about 950 refugees on daily care of our churches, and this numbers increases.

At the beginning of the war, many people stepped up to help the refugees. Even the government promised to help those who help refugees. Unfortunately, time has passed, and nothing has been done by the government. We are grateful to you dear friends and faithful partners. You have supported us all this time. But even here I would like to note that support has noticeably decreased. At the beginning we received calls, and many asked how they may help, but not now anymore.

I would like to say that even if there is less information about the military situation in the news, this does not mean that there are fewer needs. After three months since the war started, people still need food, rest, educate children, medical treatment, and arrange their lives in a new place. We didn't think the war would take this long, and now we don't know how much longer it may take. Therefore, we earnestly ask you not to relax, but to continue to support this ministry.

Sometimes we can allow ourselves to relax, but not in this case. The expenses to support one refugee per day (food, accommodation, transportation, utilities, medicine, education) costs about \$15.00. The numbers are precise and stubborn things. Here it is not necessary to convince but only to state the facts. **\$15.00 x 950 = \$14,250.00/per day. How much for a month...?** Count yourself... (*Note: Moldova is the poorest country in Europe*). The numbers scare us a lot, but we have no excuse. We will be going by faith to fulfill what Jesus taught: "*I was a stranger/refugee and you accepted Me.*" We urge you not to weaken, but to continue to help us in serving refugees. In doing so, we will fulfil Jesus' teaching. May the Lord help us!

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With thanks,

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