

# Learning to Lament

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Life in Poland.

### **HIGHLIGHTS: Ukraine Update & Plan A**

#### **LOOKING BACK:**

**UKRAINE UPDATE:** Since February 24, over 2.3 million Ukrainian refugees have crossed the Polish border, a majority of them staying in Poland in order to remain close to Ukraine. In the past month, Josiah Venture has brought 1480 Ukrainian refugees on 40 buses from Ukraine to our conference centers where our team has cared for them and helped them find long-term housing. We have sent 104 tons of food, medicine and other humanitarian aid into the Ukraine, providing hundreds of thousands of meals.

# Pray for Ukraine

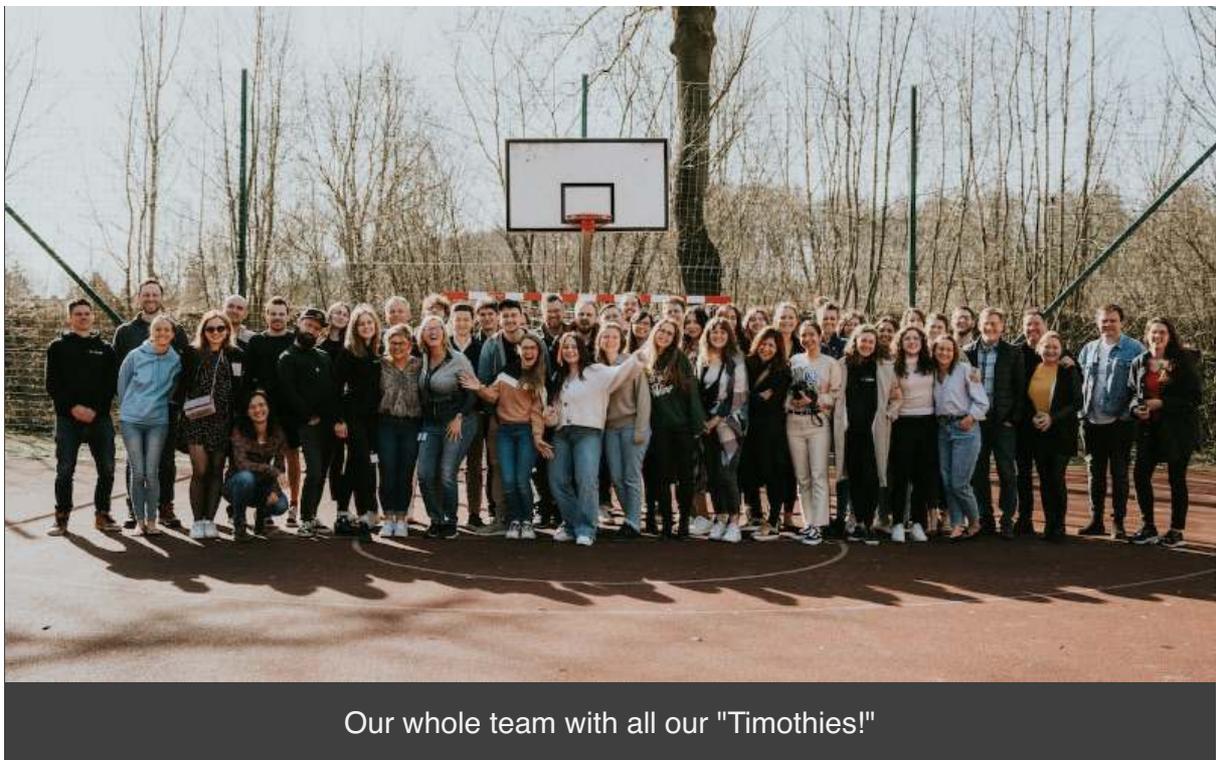
**Every day our teammates in Ukraine along with partnering churches are delivering aid to people in need. They are traveling into dangerous areas and risking their lives.**



**There are so many volunteers of local Christian churches who are helping. There is an attitude of service and care. We praise God for every successful delivery of aid and every opportunity He provides. Continue to pray for safety!**



**PLAN A:** In the midst of everything happening in Ukraine, our team has continued its commitment to intentional discipleship, including the training weekends we've had throughout the year. However, as for our time together the weekend of the 25th-27th, we flipped the script and tried to meet our team and their disciples where they were at. Friday and Saturday were spent walking through the process of lament, through different experiences and spiritual disciplines. It was a totally new and counter-cultural experience for almost all of our team, but it was so fruitful as people were able to process so many latent emotions. Then, we spent Sunday under the teaching of a pastor and chaplain from the UK, who has been doing trauma counseling for the past 30 years. He gave us practical tools as we interact with people and well as warning signs to be on the lookout for within ourselves.



Some highlights from our time of lament:

- Studying “Psalms of Lament” then writing our own laments
- Identifying the emotions we’re experiencing, then physically displaying them through smashing plates, burning papers, tearing cloth, and smearing paint
- Corporate lamenting through our own vision of a “Wailing Wall” like the one in Jerusalem
- Standing in faith, trust and dependence on God through spiritual disciplines
- Restoration through fun, a chill zone, time with therapy dogs, bunnies, and a homemade ice cream bar

- A prayer labyrinth to pray for Ukraine, the spread of the gospel, polish youth, polish churches, and our family and friends
  - Worship night including testimonies in the form of “Medals of Honor” for God
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## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**LOCAL MINISTRY:** This season of ministry has been tough. While we have more students and leaders than ever and have figured out ways to integrate our new Ukrainian youth, through translation and small groups, we're finding the DNA of our group is slipping away. Please pray with for wisdom and clarity on how to reengage people who've slipped to the outskirts, to cast vision for all our new people, and to stay rooted in intentional, fruitful relationships with our students, when there are so many other things crying out for attention.

We love you all and are always so thankful for your prayers, support, and willingness to step into this ministry with us!

Much love,  
Becca, Jacob, and Butternut

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## **PRAYER:**

- Our JV leadership teams in Ukraine and Poland as they continue to discern the best path forward.
  - Continued safety and care for those in Ukraine and fleeing.
  - For the young people we're discipling as they wrestle through the chaos and uncertainty of this time.
  - For our youth group and leaders as we seek wisdom and guidance on how to move forward.
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