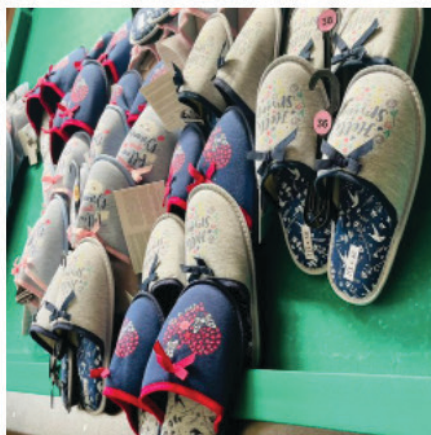


# Ukraine Aid: Supporting Project Ruth



WMUV partnered with Project: Ruth in Bucharest, Romania several years ago as they worked and ministered among the Roma population. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are now also meeting needs among Ukrainian refugees by housing them at the Ruth School and Providence Baptist Church in Bucharest. We would like to walk alongside them through prayer and financial support by providing specific prayer requests from our partners at the Ruth School and contributing funds to care for refugees.

Brittany Garton, Projects Manager for Project Ruth, has shared they are currently able to accommodate up to 60 Ukrainian women and children, and have become a hub for refugees needing access to embassies in Bucharest. They have a need for funds to provide hygiene kits, food, and clothing/shoes to these families.

*Brittany shares, Our turnover costs are the highest because it means that even if a refugee is only with us for a night or two, we still want to be the light of Christ to them in this trying time. We have had several women ask how much money we receive from the government for treating them so nicely. They are shocked to hear that we treat them as our guests because of our love for Christ. One lady even remarked that her whole life she had lived in a house next door to a Baptist church but had never been inside the courtyard and now God had brought her here to Baptists to care for her, love on her and her children and to provide a safe place to lay their heads.*

As of April 8, the Ruth Refugee Center had housed 213 total guests, of which 101 were children, offering 1589 safe sleeps. This includes countless trips to embassies and notaries to help resolve passports and birth certificates.

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Thanks to our partners in missions at the BGAV, a donation fund has been set up to donate specifically to this need. To give online, visit our website, [wmu.org](http://wmu.org), and click the banner link at the top of our website that reads Support Project Ruth's Ukrainian Refugee Response. Select Donate Now, and in the drop-down box under "I want my donation to be designated toward," select Aid for Ukraine-WMUV Project Ruth. Checks can also be made to BGAV, with Ukraine Aid- Project Ruth in the Memo. These can be sent to BGAV, 2828 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294.

## **DONATE NOW**

We encourage you and your congregation to also consider giving toward the BGAV efforts for the European Baptist Federation during this crisis. More information can be found at [bgav.org/](http://bgav.org/)

## **PRAYER SUPPORT**

Join us in prayer for the following topics:

Pray for an end to the war.

Pray for families being separated and forced out of cities.

Pray for the women, children, and elderly entering surrounding countries and seeking asylum.

Pray for the refugee families being housed at Project Ruth.

Pray for the Project Ruth staff and Providence Baptist Church volunteers who are cooking meals and assisting the refugee families staying at the Center and School.

Like & Follow Project Ruth on Facebook for continued prayer requests and updates as they respond to the crisis.