



Siloam's Ministry of Giving (2 Corinthians 8:6)

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'Two kinds of bread'



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Siloam's host Pastor Peter Bezv who provides 'Two kinds of bread.' Bread for the body made from the wheat of the ground and bread from the mouth of God, which ministers to the soul of the individual.

Dear Siloam ministry investor

Throughout their history the Ukrainian people have suffered immensely but this has caused them to learn how to survive in different and difficult situations. Over the past year the cost of utilities has increased greatly and the price of groceries rose on a regular basis causing the cost of living to spiral out of control. If only wages rose to keep pace with the household expenses that would be fine, but sadly they don't!!

Following the success of Siloam's Christmas parcel outreaches in Bulgaria and in Portugal, we felt led two years back to empower our co-worker Peter Bezv and his son Roman at the Baptist Church in Chernigov; to take advantage of this opportunity to reach the very poor with a parcel of Christmas or winter groceries during this extremely bleak period. The weather in the Ukraine during the winter is particularly harsh and I can speak from experience having been there, just how difficult it is for poor people to keep body and soul together.

Pastor Peter Bezv had the initiative earlier to name this outreach 'Two kinds of bread.' The inspiration no doubt came from Matthew 4: 4 where Jesus clearly told Satan, "that people do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

The Ukrainian people also endured greatly under communism and many are still spiritually damaged having been subjected to atheistic type teaching proclaiming that there is 'no god', only 'The State' can help you.

When Ukraine became a fledgling democracy at least the persecution against the Christians became less but still non-believers are reluctant to put their faith in Jesus Christ and His church, - many suspicions remain!

As William Booth the Founder of the Salvation Army once said, "It is no good preaching to a man until you have fed him." With this model to follow, churches who can provide practical Christian help in the form of food parcels can greatly influence the people they are trying to reach with the message of salvation. Siloam is privileged to encourage its supporters to invest in this initiative to empower the church in the Ukraine to have a greater influence over the poor people it is striving to reach for the Kingdom of God.

Pastor Peter Bezv therefore invites his congregations to bring

Food both for the body and a Christian book as well as a New Testament that will comfort a hungry soul.

CONTENTS OF FOOD PARCELS

1. Sausage (semi-smoked)
2. Canned sprat in tomato sauce
3. Canned sardines in oil
4. Wheat porridge
5. Rice
6. Barley grits
7. Buckwheat grain
8. 5 bars of chocolate
9. Maria biscuits
10. 'Do kavi' biscuits
11. Condensed milk
12. Tea bags
13. Macaroni
14. Sunflower oil
15. Sugar
16. White bread
17. A New Testament
18. Christian book



In the village of Dnieprovs'ke located 30 miles from the former Chernobyl nuclear power plant which exploded in 1986, teachers receive only minimum wages so are glad of this help.



Co-workers and volunteers make this winter outreach possible by providing their effort and time to pack and deliver the many bags of groceries.



No Christmas turkeys or plum puddings here, just basic groceries, a 'gift of love' during the severe winter period.

This is how we plan to raise our budget target:	
2 benefactor gifts of £1,000 will provide	£2,000
4 major donations of £500 will bring in	£2,000
5 church offerings of £200 will supply	£1,000
5 Christmas gifts of £100 will yield	£ 500
10 family gifts of £50 will add up to	£ 500
25 personal donations of £20 will account for	£ 500
50 individual gifts of £10 will mean	£ 500
And, 300 'widows' mites' of £5 could produce	£1,500
Total by 31st December 2021	£8,500



Maria Nikiporets (on the right) uses a wheelchair. All winter she sat on the bed and did not venture outside. She also suffers with a sugar diabetes so insulin and other medicines are constantly needed to treat her condition. Maria was very grateful for the help she received and she offers hospitality to other Christians for an overnight stay if they require it.

neighbours to the local village churches where they can hear a simple gospel message around the subject of 'Two kinds of bread', one that satisfies the body, the other that rescues their immortal soul.

You don't have to be highly qualified in theology to understand the benefits of providing a tangible token of Christian love in the form of a food parcel to make hearts more receptive to the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Please look at the list of the contents of each food parcel which was distributed between January 2021 and Easter in which Siloam supporters invested £8,500. These parcels are real life savers for some folk!

Please consider our little chart which will also show you how we plan to raise another £8,500 this winter so that Peter and his son Roman, the Youth Director, can have the funds they urgently need to undertake another successful distribution of 'Two kinds of bread' among the desperately poor in the Chernigov region of the Ukraine.

One thing I really would like you to do, is to request a printed copy of Roman's report which is full of testimonies and stories with photos of those needy folk who were helped last year, it will warm your heart.

Please study the photos and learn how far your investment will stretch this winter and what great effect it will have on the hearts and souls of desperate people who are in need of the 'Bread of Life' not just to satisfy them physically but to feed their souls and lead them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Gifts of £100, £50, £25, £10 and many 'widows' mites' of £5 when accumulated together will empower Siloam to reach the target of £8,500 this winter and so be able to reach the hearts and minds of more desperately poor people in the Ukraine.

Please look through the photographs again and allow your heart to be touched by the Holy Spirit as you prayerfully consider how much you should invest with Siloam this month.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those your love will touch in the Ukraine this winter

Richard Norton
Director-Siloam UK



P.S. Please request a printed copy of Roman's report which I know will inspire you to invest in this outreach and which you could also use to reach out to those in your sphere of influence to get them also on-board to also share in this initiative. – Thank you.



In the village of Dnieprovs'ke a second visit was made on March 14th where Roman shared the Lord's Supper and provided more food parcels for many poor and old people. By empowering Peter and Roman with funds to buy food parcels for poor people, many souls can be reached for the Kingdom of God.

Please request a copy of Roman's report containing testimonies of last year's successful food parcel outreach. Please tick the on your response form and return it to us in the 'Freepost' envelope.

..., and share gifts of food with people who have nothing prepared... Nehemiah 8 : 10 (N.L.T)



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Everyone in the churches were encouraged to participate in this Christian outreach which has borne much fruit. Christmas food parcels were put together by the congregation particularly the younger members who expended much energy and enthusiasm.

Mothers with disabled children who find it difficult to go out in the winter were overjoyed that 'someone in a far-off land' made it possible for them to enjoy a bag of groceries.

This is a particularly deprived area of the Ukraine being so close to the former Chernobyl nuclear plant. No one really wants to live in this area because of the risk of nuclear contamination.



Even 'the little ones' got involved and collected the New Testaments and the Christian books to include with the food parcels.



In Snovsk town Peter and Roman visited a trade school where teenagers can learn to become a carpenter, electrician or mechanic etc... The majority of the students come from very poor village homes so they are unable to enter university. Here 70 students from the poorest and most underprivileged families received food parcels. The school staff provided some refreshment and tea and allowed the church workers use of the facility for the parcel distribution.



92-year-old Gregory Arishchenko was one of the grateful beneficiaries of this outreach programme. Six days prior to the visit of Roman and Peter, Gregory suffered a stroke which left his left-hand side paralysed. He also suffers with sugar diabetes, the food parcel was a great help for him.

Travelling into the woods and distant regions, several people were richly blessed with the food parcels and the 'Word of God' was explained to them so that they may come to learn how they can accept the 'gift of eternal life.'



By empowering the local church to reach those in its sphere of influence among the poor and needy is perhaps one of the most effective ways of reaching their hearts with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Victor's hope in God replaces despair and rejection

THE CHURCH HAS KNOWN of Victor Semenko for a number of years. He still has memories of one of the Bible camps that he attended but Victor's life has not been easy, he was born without arms in 1987. His mother abandoned him in the maternity hospital and he spent the first 5 years of his life in an orphanage for disabled children. After the age of 5, he was sent to another orphanage in Kherson where he stayed for another 13 years.



She also purchased a new TV with his money but when his mother realised that his money had run out, she asked him to leave the apartment.

So, Victor ended up on the streets again but the centre for the Social Services arranged for him to have a place in a nursing home where he spent another 6 years.

Then, his mother became sick with sugar diabetes so she invited Victor to move in with her again because she knew that he received a disability pension from the state. So, Victor went to stay with her for two more years until finally he made a decision to move out because his

When he turned 18, the state was about to send him to a nursing home but he wanted to meet his estranged mother. Somehow Victor managed to find out her address so he travelled back to Chernigov but she was very shocked when he turned up as was his younger brother. His mother let Victor stay with them for 6 months. His mother later found out that Victor had saved some money so she used him and spent all his money on the renovation of her apartment.

mother was just using him and spending all his money. Volunteers at the centre for Social Services solicited state help to give Victor a room in a dormitory. After much hard work of many concerned people, Victor was granted a room where he can now enjoy warmth and safety. He still struggles though and has many misunderstandings and problems but he thanks God for all that he now has.



Snow for people in the Ukraine is a seasonal reality which makes poverty and deprivation feel much worse. By helping Roman (right) we can empower the church to bring physical relief.



By inviting friends and neighbours to the local church to hear a seasonal gospel message, we can provide the right opportunity to learn about a new life in Christ.

We are so grateful for the support of many Siloam investors who make our 'love in action' programmes possible, not only in the Ukraine but also in Bulgaria and Portugal.



No 'Wren Kitchen' here but grateful souls who will suffer less from hunger during the harsh Ukrainian winter. 'Two kinds of bread', one for the soul and one for the body, given together they provide all we need for a happy life and peace with God.



Roman visits this mother with a disabled son and learns of their life's difficulties. By providing this unexpected gift of food along with God's word and a Christian book, Roman brought joy and future hope.



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