

# E-NEWS

**Rescue-Return-Restore** 

October 25



## HARSH WINTER AHEAD!

Ukraine faces a cold, dark winter as vital infrastructure has been brutally attacked by Russia in recent times, affecting both gas and electricity supplies. The Ukrainians have been told to prepare for a hard winter. Pray for our teams, their wellbeing and safety, and let us pray that these troubles will somehow further the cause of

Aliyah!

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# **BELFAST WEEKEND**

"At the end of September, Pat visited Belfast for a weekend. On Saturday morning we travelled to Bangor (Co Down) to our monthly Ezra prayer meeting, which was followed by a lovely lunch.

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#### **CROSSING TO SAFETY**

64 Olim, mainly from Ukraine, were helped by our Ezra Moldova team to Israel. As there are still no flights out of Ukraine, our teams bring Olim from all over Ukraine to Vinnitsa in West Ukraine. Our friends at 'Christenen voor Israel' then take them to the border with Moldova. Igor, our Moldovan rep, picks them up, takes them through the border and on to Chisinau. Most of them have their visas before they come to Moldova, although some see the Consul there. IFCJ (International Fellowship of Christians and Jews) pays for the hotel and the flights to Israel. Currently there are two flights a week on which Olim can fly to Israel. Igor picks them up at the hotel and he and his wife, Alla, travel with them to the airport and take care of them there until the flight leaves.

## **SOON 1K FOLLOWERS ON FB!!**

Not so very long ago, we only had about 200 followers on our Ezra UK FaceBook page. Having invested in running the page professionally, we are now only about 30 subscribers away from 1K followers! Would you partner with us to reach 1K followers before the end of this year? To help us to reach 1K followers, if you do not yet follow us on FaceBook, please find us there (or simply click on the FaceBook icon to the right!) and start following us! Then, share posts that we have made onto your timeline and invite your friends to follow us too! Together we can make it happen!



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In mid-October, Jewish Agency and partners held an Aliyah fair in Kyiv. People came from various cities across Ukraine. A total of 800 people attended the event!

The fair was held in an underground parking lot for security reasons — a necessary measure due to the state of war in Ukraine!



the fair.

# **Inspiring Leaders**



On Sunday morning Pat spoke at Every Nation Church Belfast about Ezra and the Biblical reasons why Christians should support Israel and the Jews. This was well received and offered thorough food for thought. It is now in the plans to run the Aliyah course created by Pat in our church soon. If you are in Northern Ireland and would like to take part in the course or get more information about it, please contact mirjam@ezrainternational.org"

As well as in Belfast, Pat was speaking in Pastors' and Leaders' Conference in Northampton earlier in the month. We

By Linda Hopley, Ezra UK Board

thank God for all these opportunities and pray they will bear fruit towards increased Aliyah!

# **Familiar Faces**

"Ezra was represented in the fair with a booth. There we were able to meet people interested in Aliyah, communicate with them, explain the help we offer and conduct impromptu consultations. A young woman, Karolina, approached us and asked about the kind of assistance we offer. As soon as she learned that Ezra's primary focus was assisting with paperwork for repatriation visas, she was incredibly happy: "How wonderful! This is exactly what I need right now!" she exclaimed. During the fair, we consulted 29 families. Four families needed help with DNA testing, to prove their relations to a Jewish person in the family. It was also lovely to finally meet face to face some families we had previously helped over distance." By MIsha, Ezra Ukraine Director

Israel Needs Us!

Prayers are still very much needed to transform the current ceasefire deal into a lasting peace. Israel also needs our custom, so that the economy will have a chance to recover at this time of peace!