

January 2026 Special Edition Ukraine, UK

This is a special edition of Carelink as we do need your urgent prayers and support for the crisis in Ukraine at this time- see below

UK

Sister Victoria is pressing ahead with her witness in Glasgow despite opposition from local churches. She writes "I'm all set, got provisions at Ikea yesterday, and I'm going out on the streets of Wishaw today with my cards. A few of my service users want to come... I'm not expecting this to be a big group, especially not initially. But, I will not be stopped by churches, or bullied. And I'm totally fine I can handle myself, and God is with me... If she thinks she or her church hold the authority they need to seriously examine themselves and sit with God. I would not let them deter me from this . I know you've had it too. We keep it moving, they don't want us doing that. Anyways God is on the move and I need to get out on the streets".

What a great spirit. As we send this off, she's single handedly having her first meeting in Wishaw library, just east of Glasgow. Let's pray for her brave efforts alone [although for sure she will feel the truth of the promise, in the context of witnessing, "I am with you even unto the end..."]. She's been advertising everywhere including putting up posters all over:

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UKRAINE

Temperatures in Ukraine are now -20 C [- 4 F] and for weeks now there has been very little or simply no electricity, heating or water in many apartment blocks where our brothers and sisters live. The mayor of Kiev has advised the population to evacuate wherever they can go to keep warm. For those who remain behind, railway locomotives are running and heating passenger carriages where some people with young children are allowed to go for a few hours to heat up. A BBC article reports similar things to what we are also hearing from our brethren- people warming bricks on outside fires, taking them into the apartments to create some warmth for an hour or so...

"I live in a new building on the 17th floor, but we have no elevator, no electricity and no water supply," says Alina. As Taras plays with his toys, she says it [the railway carriage] is also a relatively safe and comfortable place for her daughter to meet friends. It is also a welcome distraction for Alina, whose husband works all day in a factory, but she suddenly starts to stutter and weep as she tells me about her 54-year-old father who was killed at the front two years ago in a summer offensive near Bakhmut. As she regathers her composure, Alina says she will

definitely come back here and welcomes the relief the train brings from the weather and the nightly Russian strikes... For Yulia, Ihor and their one-year-old son Markiian, that means heating building bricks on a gas stove to try to warm up the rest of their small apartment. The flat, in an old Soviet-era apartment block on the east side of the Dnipro river, is a temporary move because their own home was partially damaged in a Russian attack last August. "We've had electricity today for something like four minutes," Ihor tells me. "All of our charging stations and power banks have no energy left in them." "For the first time in a while we have a real winter in Ukraine," says Yulia somewhat ironically. "With this -12 to -16 cold and no heating, the apartment gets cold pretty soon... The large batteries the couple have bought, like many city residents, to charge up when electricity does return are of no use when it comes to heating appliances because they run down so quickly. For now, dressing the baby up in multiple layers of clothing is the only solution... Kyiv's problems are exacerbated by the fact it has borne so many Russian airstrikes against homes and critical infrastructure installations and, as home to more than three million people, the power shortages impact many people. The most recent Russian attacks against energy installations in the capital and other big cities have had a cumulative effect that is much worse than before... Compared to all previous winters, the situation now is the worst," Olena Pavlenko, president of the Kyiv-based think tank DiXi Group... "Every time it's harder to recover. Everything is under ice, and repairs of cables and grids are now two to four times more complicated," she said... On another bitterly cold morning we found hardy engineers using mechanical diggers and working with their bare hands to locate and repair damaged power cables which serve the huge multi-occupancy tower blocks... when the electricity supply returns, the surge in demand for power causes the system to collapse – hence the damaged power cables we saw being repaired... Stanislav or "Stas" has also come down to the Invincibility Train to get warm, meet friends and get some power for his phone. The eleven-year-old says his home is very cold and there'd recently been no power in the family's apartment for 36 hours... These days it is the threat of Russian drones that keeps him awake at night. "When I hear something flying it's really scary, because you don't know if it will explode now, or if it will fly on and you survive."

Below is a typical scene of attempting to repair the cables, and a file photo of Ukrainian surgeons operating in freezing conditions with colleagues holding their phones to provide light





We are therefore offering our brothers and sisters one or two weeks stay in private hotels which have their own generators, and therefore heat. The forecast is that this extremely cold period will continue two weeks. But for many, they fear leaving their homes due to the rise in crime and lawlessness. As the authorities are all caught up with the war issues. For those in the villages or living in once derelict homes having lost their own homes in the east, we are seeking to provide generators.

Brother Duncan is now on his way out to Ukraine on a quick visit to the more extreme needs and to try to obtain generators [which are in short supply], so we do ask for your prayers and support. Vulnerable older people and those with young children cannot really exist at - 20 C without heating and power.

One of our sisters writes about her situation: "The situation is difficult. There is practically no electricity in Kyiv, but they will deliver firewood to us tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. We have already bought gasoline. We run the generator for 2 hours at a time, with breaks: 2 hours with electricity, 5 hours without electricity. So far, everything is fine. I will keep you updated. Thank you for everything, dear friends! We are all sincerely grateful to you! My son-in-law is moving my parents to an apartment where there is heat: 3 hours with electricity and 5-7 hours without electricity, and not on the 12th floor as they were, but on a 3rd floor, which makes it easier to get around without an elevator when there is no electricity. We will also take my mother with us tomorrow; she will stay with us while this cold weather lasts. Thank you personally, dear Duncan, for your love and care, we are all praying for you and your family! Thank God that you are with us".

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks