



A week of prayer to remember the
2nd anniversary of the war in
Ukraine

18th –24th February 2024



With the support of Victoria Baptist Church, Eastbourne.

To see Jesus honoured in Eastbourne and beyond.

What is the story of Hope Lebedyn?



Lebedyn is a small rural town within the region of Sumy, Ukraine. The word 'Lebed' translates as Swan to give us the Town of the Swan. Local history says that Tchaikovsky actually wrote Swan Lake inspired by the beauty of the local region at that time. Sadly much has changed over the years and the town has now been left forgotten.



With a pre-war population of around 28,500, the unemployment was a staggering 85% of those eligible to work. Light came in the form of a local pastor, Sergey Ovcharenko and his small congregation who, with the very little resources they had, wanted to start a church and bring practical care and the love of Jesus to a town that so desperately needed God.

Hope Lebedyn began life in 1999 as ICC Missions as a result of a meeting at a conference outside of Moscow between founder Peter Martin and Pastor Sergey Ovcharenko, at which the great needs of the people in the Sumy Oblast were revealed, and a passion to help address these was born. In January 2023, **Hope Lebedyn** became an independent Charitable Incorporated Organisation, enabling it to focus solely on the work in Ukraine. Today the mission is run by Pastor Bohdan Timchishyn and his team.

The war has plunged local families into extreme poverty, increased the crime rates and put unsustainable strain on the local infrastructure. Against the backdrop of international conflict with Russia, the situation is deteriorating further. There is unprecedented demand for aid and support in Lebedyn and the oblast of Sumy.

The mission of Hope Lebedyn is to provide support to the local church in delivering not only essential aid, but the life changing Gospel of Jesus. The church and mission centre with all its activities has become a beacon of light and hope for those who live in the area. Many lives have been transformed through the aid and the life saving power of the Gospel. The light of Christ shines in the darkest of places.

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." John 1:5 (NIV)

*Join us in bringing the **HOPE** of the Lord Jesus to the people of **LEBEDYN**.*

Week of Prayer for Lebedyn

In every prayer time

Remember to thank God for answered prayers; to praise Him for His faithfulness to the church in Lebedyn and for the Holy Spirit's guidance for the future, post war.

Praise God, for who He is, He is worthy of praise!

Don't feel restricted to ONLY pray for daily topics...

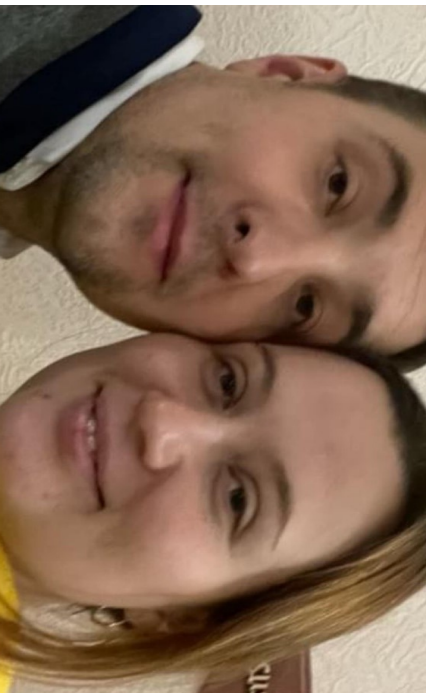
The more prayer the better!

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16





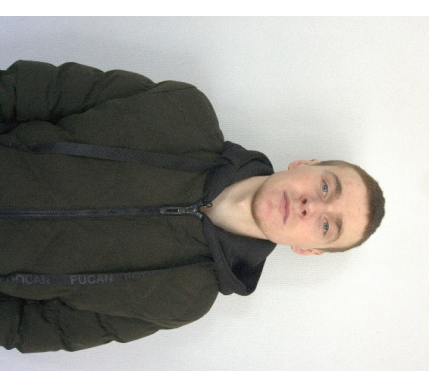
Pastor Sergey



Pastor Bohdan & Alla



Svetlana



"Farmer" Sergey



Ukraine Team Prayer Card



Valentine



"Musical" Sergey



Victor



Luba



Sasha

Sunday 18th Feb

Please pray for

The Team and the Centre

- Individual team members and their families
- The roles they have
- Concerns about conscription
- Protection over the facilities and assets (incl. car and minibus)
- Playground project (still unfinished)



Monday 19th Feb

Please pray for

Family life

- Mental health of young people
- Strength of internet for online learning
- Full resumption of school safely
- Children's futures / lost learning
- Refugees who attend the church
- Those whose loved ones are fighting



Tuesday 20th Feb

Please pray for

Youth and Children's ministries

- Friday and Sunday youth clubs
- Children's Club every Saturday
- Planning for camps
- Teen Bible study
- Bible seminary
- Puppet Theatre
- Discipling new Christians



Wednesday 21st Feb

Please pray for

The Ministries

- Bakery and bread distribution
- Young Mums services
- Seed
- English classes
- Computer classes
- Sewing ministry
- Hospital children visitation programme
- Aid distribution



Thursday 22nd Feb

Please pray for

Individuals & Partners

- Dima
- Vlada
- Pastor Andrew & Family in Samotoivka
- Lyuda (musical Sergey's wife)
- Azat
- Mission Eurasia
- German aid charity
- Support from grant making trusts



Friday 23rd Feb

Please pray for

Unity, strength and witness

- The orthodox Church
- Witness to local authorities
- Health and energy for the team to persevere
- Support for Bohdan (Paulo)
- Team spirit
- UK board of Trustees and council of reference



Saturday 24th Feb

Please pray for

Peace and World Leaders

- The United Nations
- Russian Government
- Ukrainian Government (stability)
- International aid and support ... not to disappear in light of other issues
- PEACE and end to war





Aid to young mums



Children's ministry



Bread distribution after Sunday service



Christmas camp 2023 with puppet ministry

For more information visit the website hopelebedyn.org

Hope Lebedyn is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Number 1201618