

GLOBAL REPORT

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DELIVERING HOPE

Read about how Andrii and the FOI Poland Team are caring for people who need help.



Dima traveled 360 miles from his home in Belarus to Warsaw, Poland, to attend university. The young man was as far away from family as he had ever been. It wasn't long before loneliness crept in. Like anyone his age far from home, Dima longed for a sense of belonging. Unfortunately, he found friendships among those who abused drugs at school. Though he was initially hesitant to follow their ways, Dima eventually gave in and became deeply entangled in drug addiction.

That was when Andrii, one of our Friends of Israel (FOI) workers in Poland, took notice of Dima on campus and felt burdened to help him. Andrii invited Dima to accompany him and his youth ministry for a hiking trip into the Tatras Mountains. Dima accepted his invitation. Over the next several months, Andrii continued to invite Dima both to youth events and to a personal relationship with Jesus. Dima kept coming. As Dima's addictions faded, his curiosity about the gospel flourished until he finally trusted Jesus for salvation. Today, Dima can clearly see how that simple invitation changed his life forever.

DIVINELY APPOINTED MINISTRY

Andrii came to Warsaw from Ukraine, long before Russia's invasion of the nation, to train at seminary. Since the war began, though, he has been opportunely



placed to minister to refugees. Because Andrii's parents and many of his 11 siblings still live in Ukraine, he has a strong desire to help others from his homeland who have chosen to flee to Poland. This work has now become a vital part of his ministry with FOI. He and his wife, Bohdana, and their children, Daniella (6), Jonathan (4), and Samuel (2), are answering God's call to serve both Jewish people and Gentiles displaced by the war.

Andrii views his ministry in Eastern Europe as a divine appointment because of the persecution and poverty Jewish people have historically faced in the region. "Eastern Europe is a very special place for serving God among His Chosen People," Andrii explains. "The Jewish population is often poor and in need in this region. It's heartbreaking—and a calling."



UKRAINIAN WAR RELIEF

Andrii's ministry has been impacted significantly since Russia invaded Ukraine. Alongside our FOI team, Andrii works tirelessly to take supplies into Ukraine to relieve both Jewish communities and churches, sometimes under severe danger of getting caught up in the fighting. Many Jewish Ukrainians lack basic needs like medicine, clothes, heaters, and blankets. Andrii and our Polish team travel clandestinely into Ukraine to help. As one FOI leader in Poland describes the work on these relief trips, "If someone calls for help at 3:00 in the morning, I can be sure Andrii will be there!"

"I have traveled many times into Jewish communities in Ukraine and other Eastern European countries affected by the war to supply humanitarian aid," says Andrii. "The real joy is the relationships that develop. We truly love them, and they love us! During our time in these places, we also contact local churches and encourage them to serve the Jewish people along with us." Distributing aid packages gives our teams opportunities to invite groups of Jewish children, mothers, and senior citizens to Poland to participate in a variety of camps and retreats hosted by FOI.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEE RELIEF

Before the war, an estimated 1 million Ukrainians lived in Poland. That number has increased dramatically, along with all the needs that come with it. Many refugees can't obtain basic daily needs. Simple tasks like grocery shopping, finding transportation, and taking care of medical needs can be daunting. By providing for refugees' physical needs, Andrii and our Polish team find open doors to also meet spiritual needs.

When Andrii first arrived in Poland in 2010, he felt called to reach young people with the gospel, so he began a ministry to Ukrainian teens, both Jewish and Gentile. Since the war began, this youth ministry

has become critically important. By providing youth meetings, service projects, and outdoor experiences in the mountains, these displaced and hurting kids feel the love of Messiah Jesus. Now God is opening doors and hearts to the message of the gospel. Along the way, Andrii teaches teens the truth about Israel and the Messiah. Please pray with us for more such opportunities.

TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSLATION

In 2024 Andrii began working with FOI Poland representative Timothy Rabinek to produce online biblical teaching content in the Ukrainian, Russian, and German languages. Using podcasts, YouTube, and other social media, Andrii has been a pivotal part of getting biblical truth about Israel and the Messiah into difficult locations and opposing the antisemitism growing there. Since Andrii speaks many languages, his technical expertise and translation skills have helped produce these much-needed messages. Using technology, FOI Poland is breaking down barriers to the truth for thousands of Eastern Europeans.





“Once on the Internet, content will remain relevant for a long time,” Andrii says. “So, the often tedious, difficult work of translation and video production is rewarding, as it has the potential to reach millions of listeners in different languages.”

God has shocked us with the growth of these teachings in Eastern Europe. Most of Andrii’s content has garnered thousands of views within days. Within only weeks, our team’s Russian and Ukrainian channels have added 16,000 subscribers and more than a million views. As Andrii says, “People want to hear the truth. In our videos, we teach about the Messiah from a biblical perspective. We believe God will use this new ministry to bring many people to Himself.”

REMEMBERING FORGOTTEN JEWISH PEOPLE

Because of how the Jewish people in Poland suffered at the hands of Nazi Germany, many Jewish memorials mark its countryside. Often these places of remembrance are not properly maintained. Andrii serves the Jewish community by helping to maintain these memorials out of Christian love.

Recently, a Jewish cemetery in Pruszkow, Poland, was abandoned by the government. Its Jewish caretaker, knowing FOI Poland’s love for God’s Chosen People, reached out to Andrii for help.

Andrii and his team of volunteers immediately went to work clearing debris and getting the cemetery back to a safe condition for visitors and families. Not long after Andrii’s team was finished, the Jewish caretaker posted pictures of the pristine cemetery on social media. Almost immediately, a woman living in Jerusalem contacted him to express her gratitude. Her grandparents were Holocaust survivors who were buried in the cemetery in Pruszkow. What an amazing opportunity to show the Jewish communities in both Poland and Jerusalem the love of the Messiah!

God has equipped Andrii to serve in so many unique ways. He loves the Jewish people, and his mission is to preach the truth of God’s Word and invest his life in loving and serving God’s Chosen People.

Would you be willing to partner with Andrii and his family today with prayer and a financial gift? Today, you can be a part of Eastern Europe coming to know the true Messiah of Israel.

In Christ Alone,

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If God has spoken to you about partnering with Andrii and his family today with prayer and a financial gift, please send your gift to The Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc, PO Box 908, Bellmawr, NJ 08099, or visit foi.org/global-report to donate online.