



Pacific Ukrainian Society

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To: The Gideons International

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Dear Mr C. Dan Scott,

The Pacific Ukrainian Society is established in the Northwest. Since the war started in 2022, it is estimated that up to 60,000 Ukrainians resettled in Washington state through the U4U program.

Pacific Ukrainian Society work in many branches helping Ukraine and the Ukrainians locally. The yearly event that brings around 25,000 is the Northwest Ukrainian International Festival and it is the biggest Ukrainian event in the United States. Every year we have Gideon's booth with Gospels for people.

In 2024 only Russian version of New Testaments was available and many Ukrainians cannot receive any information in that language due to pain, death, and destruction that language caused to people and to the country. Ever since we have been looking for the Gospels in the Ukrainian language.

The importance of ensuring the availability of Ukrainian or bilingual Ukrainian/English New Testaments at this time cannot be emphasized enough. The circumstances are unique, and the need is great! Language became a point of contention during this war, because of Russian propaganda tactics used to justify their attack, and because language is at the core of cultural identity, which many are dying to protect. While some Ukrainians may understand the Russian language, handing a Russian New Testament to a Ukrainian unchristian refugee is inconsiderate at best and offensive at worst. Both instances don't aid in witnessing goals.

While digital solutions are helpful, an online Bible is not a successful substitute for a physical Bible. Moreover, not all adults, teens, and children have access to personal devices for daily use.

For these reasons, we implore you to add the Ukrainian language to the Gideons' official list of authorized Bibles / New Testaments for distribution. Also, please make printed copies available on The Gideons' Store for any Gideon to purchase for personal witnessing.

Thank you very much for your consideration and cooperation.
May God help us in every good work.

Sincerely,

Angela Karelina,
Pacific Ukrainian Society/NW Ukrainian International Festival