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**Jesus said to them, "Children! Do you have any food?"
They answered Him, "No". John 21:5**



I am amazed at the simplicity of Christ's relationship with the disciples. These rather grown men, who at this age had to not only be fed themselves, but also feed others, He simply called "*children*". Thereby showing that He is willing to take full responsibility for their needs.

It is important to note that the question concerned the most urgent need - food. How often do we ask naive questions like: How are you doing? How's the weather? Is everything all right with you? But, are we interested in the real situation, the true picture of your situation, what

is the most urgent need right now: "*Do you have any food?*"

878 days of the war. It seems like an eternity. You have to come to terms with the fact that relatives and friends, friends from the church, brothers are unlikely to return "to their circle". You get used to the fact that many people are tired of the constant needs and requests of those in the active fighting areas. There are fewer and fewer of those who would ask these difficult questions.

And with this decline of interest of so many in supporting the needy, the image of Christ shines even more valuable – Caring, Loving, Interested in this situation. What a charm it is today to see the image of the Saviour in the face of brothers and sisters.

Heartfelt gratitude to those who have not ceased to be interested and supportive...

When people ran out of winter stocks of potatoes and did not know how to survive until a young harvest, brothers from Germany brought a whole truck of much-needed product. We thank the brothers who asked "Is there any food?" People took this



product with great gratitude and wrote wonderful



reviews: What delicious potatoes! Grace to you from the heart! Thank you for not forgetting us! People listened to the Word about how God loves them, that He is interested not only

in the questions of Eternity, but also, *"Do you have food"*



God has especially blessed this needy people in the area. It was here that the first military clashes took place, the first destruction of high-rise buildings took place, people returned to dilapidated apartments after evacuation and continue to live in poverty, where the windows are closed with plywood, where there is no electricity or many other amenities. They pour out all their bitterness on us when we visit such places. We pray with them, show them compassion and share what we have, thanks to those who have not stopped supporting us. This time we got potatoes from one mission, and delicious sausages from the other. The happiness of the recipients knew no bounds. Seeing this picture, you understand that God has not changed. He continues to take care of and feed people.



It's possible that the following verse does not affect you, but think of hundreds of people receiving such help, sincerely and heartily thanking the Lord, and feeling His love.

"Shall they not feel Him, and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us" Acts 17:27

War is merciless to



the elderly, to the infants, to the lonely, to the renovated dwellings and to the forgotten huts. The sign of anger and tragedy remains everywhere around us... And it is at this time that the Church must manifest the love of Christ as much as possible. It is through this care for people that the Church has the privilege of receiving new people and baptizing them.

In the midst of hostilities, friends taught baptisms to those who felt God's love through the sensitive hearts of God's children.

New York stands on the border with occupied Gorlovka. Many times shrapnel flew into the house of prayer, more than once it was repaired in these years of war. Not only once- They repeatedly brought food, aid, building materials, hygiene funds, and all this work did not go unnoticed.

The remnant of those residents who could not evacuate were drawn to the church...

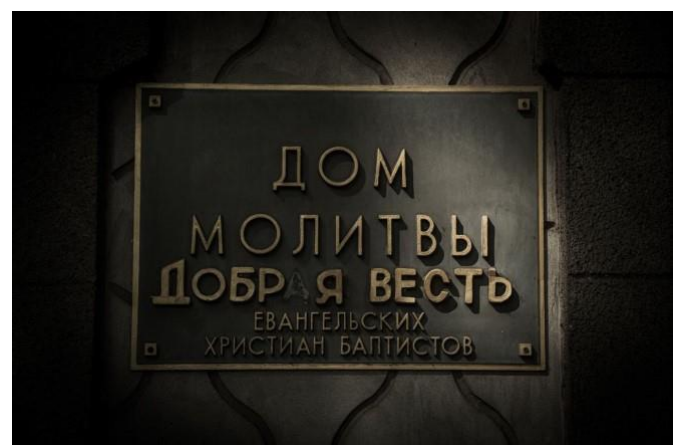
Who would have imagined that they would have to go to the service in armored vests? Or see a brother wearing a helmet to perform baptisms, with bombs



exploding two hundred meters away. When the minister will ask those who are being baptized: Do you have faith? Is there any assurance that God has forgiven you of all your sins? Is there any hope that if something happens, you will be with the Lord in heaven?

The hundred-year-old building of a prayer house in front-line New York cannot withstand explosions and artillery shells. How can people withstand all this onslaught?

In their worries about the needs of God's children, the brothers go at the risk of their own lives to support, to help, to evacuate someone who is no longer strong enough to be in such circumstances, and, to strengthen the church with hope in the Lord.





Nearby houses are collapsing, there are arrivals, and in these circumstances the Church is being built. Of course, they need more than words of encouragement and faith. But also products. There are no stores on the spot anymore. Sheets of plywood are needed to close broken windows and much more. In such places, you don't even have to ask,

"Children, do you have...?"

An hour ago, this house was safe and sound. People lived... And now, those that survived, took out what was left... Ask them: "Children, do you have a place to live, anything to eat?" and you will see tear-stained eyes, despair of the soul, and



now they need your care like no one else. Perhaps they are very far from the epicenter of events and you calmly think this does not concern me. Let those do it who are there. Yes. This, unfortunately, is quite possible.

Clouds of smoke rose into the sky. This comes from the next street over from the prayer house. O Lord, preserve Thy people, and especially those who have made covenants with Thee in this time of war.



«Children, do you have any food?» I am tempted that there is no reproach from Christ to those who should have fed others, who have been very independent for years, who have not been a child for a long time. And today the situation is the same, when it is not children who come to get something to eat but adults. They are so hungry that they ate half a loaf at once. This young man asked: Can I have a loaf of bread? Yes, it is possible. I haven't eaten anything for two days. With which greedily he ate this delicious bread, baked that morning by our friends of the Vysoča church. He got a bottle of water from the car, and it was his meager meal.

Who can you blame for being hungry? That they have nothing to buy bread with. They, like those disciples, need someone to take care of them.

They go to church and this is their last hope, that here, following the example of Christ, they will be shown love and compassion to them, that here someone will take care of the most important things and find out "Do they have any food?"



But our Church is not alone in this field, there are many brothers and sisters who support their hands, those who continue to feed, clothe and help the needy. The boxes are gradually emptying, the



bread disappears but gratitude to the Lord increases. Thank you for remembering us! Praise the Lord for your church! Thank you, you have such delicious bread! And in many other words, people praise the Lord for His care for them



On our last visit, up to two hundred people gathered at this place, listened to the Word of God, received food, today there are only ruins here. There was a small warehouse of humanitarian aid here. Here



we left clothes, mattresses, potbelly stoves, now a pitiful sight... There was the only store in the entire area where people could buy food. Now



the tears of the survivors... When we came this time, people said: There is a God! God hears your prayers - you! It's just a miracle that no one died in the shelling.

Yes, it is active.

We prayed at this place many times, and for us it was confirmed by the expectation that God uses His children in this way to protect people. No one refused to pray this time, not even the village mayor, now when we go to distribute bread, she said: Let us pray. It was dangerous to gather people, so bread and products were distributed, going around the streets.

Tears and joy, sorrow and hope were mixed in





people's hearts. Destroyed houses, burnt cars and a free gift of BREAD! Food packages! A special joy! The brothers spent the whole day under the scorching forty-degree sun, distributing food to people, looking at the destroyed humanitarian center with pain in their hearts. And now each group of people was

waiting for evangelists with products. And also, that on the corner of their street a prayer to God will be performed asking God for mercy and protection. The brothers themselves drank all the water in the



incredible heat, which we took with us. The local water here is not suitable for consumption. At the last meeting, it was no longer possible to talk to people. The tongue stuck to the roof of your mouth. And people were waiting...



And people were waiting... Children who are forced to live under the

Arrows... Whose childhood is filled with war.

They already know where the departure is, where the arrival is, what shell exploded, they can

determine by the sound, but among all the

Let them know that there is a

God, there is a Church, there is God's care in the



world.

Look for much more. No, these are not the children who sit by computers... They are forced to live a different life. "Children! Do you have?" - Childhood, joy, silence, hope?

And while children and adults are being given kits, explosions are happening on the outskirts of the village, houses, ripening crops and, God forbid, even someone's life are being destroyed.

How I would like to say to those who, following the example of Christ, continue to worry and wonder: "Do you have something to live for, how to help, what to carry, how can we support you?" Like cold water in the heat, like bread to the hungry, so are your news. We thank you for your diligence and compassion, for your Christlike



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compassion for the needy and to those in need for your "decomposed fire" that warms many whom you do not know and who do not know you. HEAVEN and the recipients of help. HEAVEN and the recipients of help.

How many words of gratitude were said by the recipients, all the best. That now

they do not need to sleep on the ground and that they can really make such a bed take it with you and walk...

Glory to the Lord for everyone participant in this good cause. Tonight, the children left for their positions. It was touching to hear: Pray for us that in your next



Леонид приветствую тебя. Позавчера мы забрали 50 раскладушек. Когда Александр будет в миссии мы отвезём их в Майнерцхаген. Кровати б/у но в ещё хорошем состоянии. В сложенном состоянии очень компактные.

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arrival, we will be able to meet with you.

We knew that this was a small fraction of what we could help, the more you, dear friends, could help, but this is a great part of the love and care of the Church of God, and people feel it. It is encouraging and hopeful. Give a cot to a soldier or a first aid kit or an anti-drone cape is also important,



As well as to give a hungry person a loaf of bread. This is all in order to save lives. And Christ's question "Children! Do you have any food?" was also asked with the aim of remaining alive.

Therefore, there are many different needs of people and you are always interested in "Do you have water?" among hygiene, bandages, a gas tank, a shovel, a flashlight and much more...



In addition to people with whom you have communication and can pray and encourage, there are many more organizations to which we turn as citizens, who provide people



with all possible help, who themselves survive as best they can, and by communicating with them you understand, and here you, as a Christian, can leave your caring trace: "Do you have one?" A what?

The Lord and the Church take care of them as well. How valuable it is to feel God's blessing when these structures also get help. Praise be to the Lord! Food for people who cannot take ordinary food was

delivered to one of the city's clinics. This especially pleased the staff of the medical institution and us too. "A man's joy is his charity"

Prov. 19:22

Now the sick have something to eat, now they have their own special food.

Everyone can become a participant in the service of neighbors and the needy. "For I hungered, and you gave Me to eat" *Matthew 25:35*



Many thanks to the Lord for the ministry of various missions. For loading trucks, for deliveries, for collecting food and everything else, for taking care of the needs of Ukrainians. To all brothers and sisters, to the staff of the missions, our Christian heartfelt greetings. You care about us and the people who are with us. Thank you! May the Lord be a blessing in your ministry. To the brothers and sisters who seek every way to convey their sympathy, our most sincere embraces, we all work together for Our Lord, for the One who prays,

who dedicate their meeting hours to this, our most sincere words of gratitude. Through your prayers we are alive and continue to struggle for the Lord.

And life goes on! We don't know what awaits us next? Babies grow up, change one generation to another, and the questions they remain the same. "Do you have any food?" Is there a future? Have the questions of Eternity been resolved? Do you have someone who will take care of you? Do you know the Lord? Do you know how to pray? Do you do His will? Or is it not for you?

"Jesus said to them, 'Children! Do you have any food? They answered Him, 'No... When and they went out on the ground, and saw the fire with fish and bread lying on it. Jesus said to them, 'Come, dine.' And none of the disciples dared to ask Him, 'Who art Thou?' knowing that it was the Lord." John 21:5,9,12

Thank you, Lord, that you are just like that!

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