

HART'S FIRST RE-PURPOSED MOBILE HOME

How a mobile home continues its mission as a firefighter’s station

Chornobaivka, is a village in southern Ukraine on the outskirts of the city of Kherson. It bears the scars of this painful war. Its homes have been destroyed by relentless artillery shelling and missile strikes, leaving residents desperately clinging to prayers for their lives and livelihoods.

Yet, even in the darkest moments, there are those who rise to serve, to save, and to bring hope.



“CHORNOBAIVKA”

Among these heroes are the local firefighters, who recently received a modular home from the Chornobaivka - Jesus Is the Bread of Life Church and HART. This home will serve as their temporary shelter and fire station.

This mobile home has a history of providing refuge. In 2023, it became a lifeline for a family from the nearby village of Myrne after their house was destroyed by fire during intense Russian shelling.



By God's grace, this family was provided with a home to shelter in as they worked tirelessly to rebuild their house. When they no longer needed the mobile home, its purpose continued—it was relocated to Chornobaivka to support local firefighters who risk their lives fighting fires and protecting the village from disaster.

This critical need for support was brought to light by Oleksandr, the commander of a newly established fire department that has been serving the village for a year. Previously, during emergencies, residents had to wait for assistance from Kherson, 10 vital kilometers away—an agonizing delay when every minute could mean the difference between life and death.



Now, with their presence, Chornobaivka has its own firefighting team, responding swiftly and effectively to emergencies. In 2024 alone, these courageous firefighters extinguished 76 fires, many resulting from Russian shelling. When their original building was destroyed in the attacks, finding a new shelter for the team and their equipment became critical.

“We are deeply grateful to the church and HART for providing this temporary home,” says Oleksandr. “We had no space for our equipment or training, but now, thank God, we do.”



The firefighters plan to undergo additional training in emergency response and first aid. They also aim to expand their team and maintain round-the-clock standby shifts.

Currently, the team includes 7 trained members, with 6 more preparing for service. Their long- term vision includes developing a full-fledged station with garages for 2-3 fire trucks.



“We want to be ready for anything,” says Oleksandr with determination. “People need to know they can count on us at any time. We will not let them down.”

This story is about more than just a mobile home. For under its roof, it shelters hope, courage, service, and heroism. It is a place where firefighters prepare to protect their community and where the spirit of humanity endures.

HART Team in Ukraine

We invite you to keep this project in your prayers. Through HART's Mobile Home Project and a local church, you can help restore hope in seemingly hopeless situations and enable people to rebuild their lives physically & spiritually.

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