



Bevan and Laura Stein have been serving as full-time missionaries in Slovakia since April, 1996 with International Messengers.

Bevan Stein Ministries

“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Whether it's strengthening a historic mission's movement in Slovakia, delivering humanitarian aid to war-torn Ukraine or providing Sudanese refugees in Uganda with hope, this verse motivates Bevan and Laura Stein to care for the “least of these” our brethren. Inside you will find 5 ministries they have created and currently oversee in 3 countries through 2 different 501C3 organizations.

Bevan and Laura's Story

Slovakia

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2. Equine therapy
3. Biker ministry

Ukraine

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Uganda

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Orphans

Widows

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Bevan and Laura Stein's Story

Bevan received his M.Div. from Wesley Biblical Seminary in 1995. Together, with his wife, Laura, who holds a Masters in special elementary education from Regent University, they came to Slovakia shortly after the end of communism and the break-up of Czechoslovakia in 1993. Their goal was to help develop and strengthen a historic mission's movement in that country. The Steins adopted and raised 6 mixed-ethnic children from Slovak state-run orphanages.

Prior to coming to Slovakia, Bevan was a Methodist pastor for four years and Laura was an elementary teacher for 8 years. Prior to this they worked at a boy's home in Virginia for troubled youth from the inner city.

Bevan was born in Indiana and grew up in the mid-west. He first began preaching at the age of 15. He felt a call to missions when he was 20 and served on his first mission trip for six months in 1986 in Zaire, Africa (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo) when he was 23 after graduating from Asbury University in 1986.

Laura was born in San Antonio and also grew up in the mid-west. She first felt a call to missions in 1983 and served on several short-term mission trips. She prepared for a life-time in missions by studying elementary education, graduating from Asbury University in 1987.

Bevan and Laura were married in 1988, completed their masters degrees in 1995 and signed on to serve with International Messengers in Slovakia in 1996. For the last 28 years they have given themselves entirely to their ministry, which eventually spread to include multiple forms in multiple countries.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SLOVAKIA

There are many opportunities for Christians to share the hope they have in Christ with those who might never enter the door of a church in the former soviet block country of Slovakia. The ways to share this hope are as varied as the people you meet.

We are making a difference where it counts by helping young Christians to find creative and powerful ways to get out and share their faith. Years of communism taught Christians to keep their faith quiet and not attract attention to their faith. By all means, one should not try to reach the next generation. But today there is freedom and opportunities if we will just be brave and bold.

We are helping plan Christian programs for children in orphanages, preparing children's camps, offering hippo-therapy to disabled children, and even taking the gospel to the streets through motorcycles as a means to both have fun sharing our faith and also to draw crowds to hear the message of the gospel.

**We hold the means to help
believers share their faith
boldly in places which
have long been closed,
forbidden or unreachable**

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Our annual "Angel Tree" project is underway for kids in state run orphanages who will not receive any gifts without our help. We provide a wonderful Christ-centered Christmas program for hundreds of kids each year and hand out their gifts.



Lydia and Anna became great friends when Lydia visited from Poland. Anna is a regular helper with the equine ministry. Without sweet-spirited girls like these we could not do this ministry. They have a special connection to Laura.



WHAT MAKES OUR MINISTRY SO SPECIAL?

Unlike other non-profit organizations, we always work in partnership with local churches for several reasons.

We encourage young Christians to share their personal encounter with Christ and their journey of faith and thereby grow in their own faith.

We encourage children to make a decision to give their hearts to Christ at a young age and become committed to a local church.

In many cases, orphan children have no one to take care of them once they must leave the state-run orphanage. Churches provide a vital community to help them not become homeless, turn to prostitution, drugs or suicide.

The local church also benefits from being the light which shines in the darkness, the salt which retains its saltiness in society. The alternative is for the local church to be seen as irrelevant, if it will not perform its mission.

We have the ability to give someone who has no family, no church, no Christian community, all these and the Love of Jesus, too!

Truly, doing unto others as we would like them to do unto us, if we changed places with one another, is one of the greatest challenges and truest marks of a genuine disciple of Jesus Christ.

Truly, doing no one any harm includes doing all the good for them that we possibly can, once we become aware of them.

Truly, there has never been more opportunity to be informed about those around the world than now, and never more opportunity to do something to help.

Truly, the heavenly Father has a heart and a passion for His hurting world.

Strive to make the world a better place –
Strive to show the “least of these” just how much Jesus sees and cares about them!



SLOVAKIA

WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Providing summer camps for orphan kids which are rich in games, hiking, crafts, and also Bible teaching and worship. Besides giving children the moral basis they need for life, we are leading the children to put their faith in Christ and become his disciples.
- Providing equine therapy to children with disabilities at our ranch in central Slovakia. Our goal is not just to help them overcome their physical disability, but also the stigma and feelings that are attached to it.
- Serving as a chaplain to up to 1,100 bikers, who would never enter a church. This means sharing Christ in a hostile environment. One has to earn the right to speak to them by commitment, availability and genuineness.

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WHY WE SHOULD CARE ABOUT UKRAINE

God calls us to love our neighbor as our selves. When we see our neighbor suffering and we do nothing then how can the love of God be in us?

Whether Ukraine and Russia are at war or not, the people who daily live with their whole communities destroyed, whole villages wiped out, whole cities burned to the ground, a whole nation living in fear of rockets and drones, and millions of people driven from their homes as refugees, we cannot look the other way and pretend that it does not concern us.

The world debates the politics involved while people suffer and die as casualties. As many flee to safer havens others are left behind, many times alone and freezing, hungry, fearful, and dying as much from hopelessness and despair as from the cold and hunger.

We cannot sit by and look the other way. We cannot pretend we do not see. We cannot think that so long as it is not our home and our family, then it doesn't matter.

God help us if we do!

We need to awaken from our slumber and remember who we are.

We can bring more than humanitarian aid, we can also bring the message of God's passion for the lost, the forsaken and the abandoned.

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Ukraine



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WHAT MAKES OUR UKRAINE CRISIS MINISTRY SO SPECIAL?

First, I have found distributors in Ukraine which are trustworthy and reliable to provide reports in a timely fashion. I know them personally, have slept, eaten and been in the trenches with them. The network of my distributors covers all of Ukrainian held territory.

Second, my distribution partners are not focused on using the aid that I bring them to help fight the war, although we do not distinguish between civilian and soldier. We also do not distinguish between Ukrainian and Russian sympathizers. Anyone who is in need on the Ukrainian side of the war zone receives our aid.

Third, I am taking my aid to the areas which have been most hard hit, where the need is the greatest and where there are people who have not received aid from any other source, as far as we know.

Fourth, I can provide reports of how every dollar was spent, where the aid went, when it was delivered, how many people were helped and do so within two weeks from delivery.

We can save millions of poor helpless souls who wait endlessly for someone to come, look for them, find them, help them, pray with them, bind their wounds, carry them to the doctor, and bury their dead loved ones. That is what we are here for. That is what we do.



Ukraine

WHAT WE ARE DOING

- As the national coordinator for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Slovakia for humanitarian aid to Ukraine, I work with the Slovak Lutheran bishops to organize 386 churches and 7 private schools to prepare “boxes of blessings.”
- As the owner of my own commercial 18-ton truck, I take supplies for all organizations who contact me. This includes the Slovak Lutheran Church, the Baptist Church, Catholic Church, Convoy of Hope, IN Network Slovakia, the Slovak Ambassador to Ukraine, Campus Crusade for Christ, and many others.
- I provide logistics also to other organizations, such as border contacts, customs paperwork, arranging distribution through my network inside Ukraine, finding supplies to be taken and looking for sponsors and resources in the EU, etc.
- Physically delivering aid in Ukraine to the final recipients, praying with soldiers, meeting the people in the trenches and on the front line of the war who are rescuing survivors so I can provide aid to them.
- I have made 27 trips, carried nearly 2 million EUR worth of aid, fed over 4 million people

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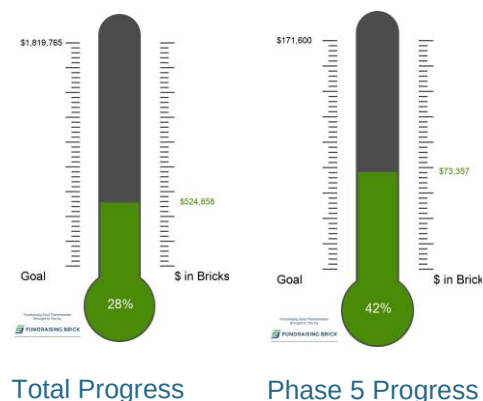
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Designate all gifts to: XBS*

Urgent Monthly Support Need: \$ 2,000

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Slovak Ministries



Capital for Equine Ministry Center

✓ Phase 1	\$204,000 Land Purchase
✓ Phase 2	\$ 82,500 Permits/Rezoning
✓ Phase 3	\$ 93,500 Utilities, Road
✓ Phase 4	\$ 71,500 Club Room/Yurt Bldg.
✓ Phase 5	\$171,600 Tack/Bathroom Bldg.
Phase 6	\$149,160 Equipment Bldg.
Phase 7	\$167,800 10 Stall Horse Barn
Phase 8	\$662,180 Lodge/Visitor Center
Phase 9	\$ 93,225 Riding Arena
Phase 10	\$124,300 Landscaping, Parking
Total:	\$1,819,765

Ukraine Crisis / Humanitarian Aid

Urgent Need – 34 tons of Food: \$171,805
Monthly Need – 10 tons of Food: \$ 50,530

NOTE: These are the current values as of October 12th, 2024

EQUINE MINISTRY CENTER





MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN UGANDA

There is no better feeling than knowing that you made someone's life better - or even just plain possible!

Imagine what it would be like to know that your life mattered to someone who you never met.

Imagine feeling hope and that life had value. Imagine being born into circumstances that gave little chance of survival until someone like you came along.

That's all these kids want in Uganda, refugees from war-torn South Sudan. They are the sole remaining survivors of their exterminated families. Thankfully, they have hope now!

The Heavenly Father's Love Mission is making a difference where it counts.

We are giving 180 children like Mary a 2nd chance.

**We hold within our hands
the power to give life, or
take it - by simply doing
nothing**

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and feet of Jesus to
someone very special!

Give to
Uganda
through
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Some of the many widows who Jacklin has been training in crafts such as basket-making, sewing, hair styling, soap-making, to name a few. We provide the food, transportation and training expenses, then what they need to get set up and started working independently. They are very happy to be able to do something to take care of themselves and feel useful.

**Servants of
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WHAT MAKES HEAVENLY FATHER'S LOVE MISSION SO SPECIAL?

**WE TREAT OTHERS THE WAY WE WOULD
LIKE TO BE TREATED, WITH KINDNESS,
TENDERNESS AND GENUINE AFFECTION**

Children are more than a project to the Heavenly Father's Love Mission. They feel what we feel - hunger, fear, sorrow, pain. We want to turn their tears into joy, their sorrow into rejoicing, their mourning into dancing. We want these children to feel valued, loved and cherished. This is going to take more than food, clothes, clean water, a roof to sleep under. While that's a good start, HFL wants them to know that they have a future and a hope, a purpose and a meaning.

Right now there are 36,000 children who need food for their body, a hug for their soul, education for their minds, and one more thing – YOU!

**Bringing food from a
nearby town to our
hungry orphan children
and widows from Sudan**

**DO NOT HINDER THE LITTLE
CHILDREN, LET THEM COME
UNTO ME, FOR OF SUCH IS THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

It's a wonderful thing to receive but it is more blessed to give than to receive. In giving, we receive the most. There is never one so poor as the one who has nothing to give!

How much one gives is the measure not of one's wealth but of the size of one's heart!



The oldest member of our ladies' ministry is 93! The average age of a woman in South Sudan is less than 60 years. The first time she ever left her village to escape to Uganda was when we flew and bussed her and others who were in mortal danger to our ministry center in Adjumani. The plane she flew in was under fire from anti-government gorilla fighters. She fled with her two great-grandchildren who were orphaned. Now we take care of them all. Praise God they are safe!

UGANDA

WHAT WE ARE DOING

- Feeding refugee orphan and widows who have fled from Sudan and South Sudan
- Training widow women to work with their hands doing hair styling, sandal and basket making, knitting and sewing, to help provide for themselves
- Clearing land to plant crops to help feed our children and teach our young men how to farm.
- Providing essential preventative health care and treatment for life-threatening illness among the orphans
- Registering the refugee women and children with the local authorities so they have documentation. This helps the women be able to find work and helps the children be safe from kidnappers who would force them into the child sex trade.
- Teaching children reading, writing and math who are far removed in the refugee camps from schools
- Providing trauma counseling to widows and orphans who have witnessed atrocities committed against their families

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“The one who says he is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness until now. The one who loves his brother resides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes” (1 John 2:9–11).

Sometimes this is taught as the ethic of Christianity, but this actually comes from Leviticus 19

You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ³Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. ⁴Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the LORD your God. ⁵“When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted. ⁶It shall be eaten the same day you offer it or on the day after, and anything left over until the third day shall be burned up with fire. ⁷If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is tainted; it will not be accepted, ⁸and everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned what is holy to the LORD, and that person shall be cut off from his people. ⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. ¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Jesus summarized these two sets of verses by saying that the first set is how we love God and the second is how we love our neighbor. The Pharisees, wishing to justify themselves, asked, “Who is my neighbor?” His answer revealed that we are the neighbor to everyone we see. And how are we to treat our neighbor, or our brother? In these verses we see that we are to treat him with mercy, tenderness, sympathy and respect. We may not oppress or cheat him. We may not lie or defraud him. We must not take advantage of his weakness. And we must not even hold him in our heart with contempt. We may not slander his name or bear false witness against him. We must do him no injustice. If Christians could live up to this standard, how much better our witness would be in the world? But the New Testament goes much further. Our verse declares that we must also love our neighbor, or brother. We must bear one another’s burdens. We must consider our neighbor worthy of honor. We must forgive him when he has intentionally hurt us. We must forgive him 70 times 7! Imagine the power our witness would have if we could live out this Christian ethic! We would not need programs or buildings to attract people. If we actually lived out the gospel, loving God with all our hearts, souls, strength and bodies, and loving our neighbor as Christ love us, what building would be large enough to hold all the people who would push to get in? If we did no one any harm and instead did all the good we possibly could so that they could see that we love them as Christ has loved us, and forgive them as Christ has forgiven us, the whole world would come to worship Jesus! Oh, that God would enable us to love as He loves, and live in the light as children of the light! Do not look at my good works and glorify me. Look at my good works and glorify my Father who is in heaven. I am consumed with the desire to love as I have been loved.