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## Thanks for the year 2018

With God's help and your faithful support, in 2018 we have been able to help many families, the Children's Family Project, social services for youth and children, rehabilitation centers and, in particular, seniors at the demarcation line in eastern Ukraine in their distress. It was possible for us to send **19 truck transports with 300 tons of relief supplies to Eastern Europe and Northern Iraq.**

**Serbia:** Vrdnik and Sremska Mitrovica **3 trucks**

**Romania:** Medias, Zalau, Hazeg, Hunedoara, Baia Mare and Bucharest **5 trucks**

**Hungary:** Abda **1 truck**

**Ukraine:** Alexandria **3 trucks**, Slaviansk: **3 trucks**

**Kaliningrad:** **1 truck**

**Bulgaria:** Burgas and Stara Zagora **1 truck**

**Northern Iraq:** Erbil **2 trucks**

The Christmas package action was a great blessing for many helpers with about **3500 packages**. Thanks to many diligent helpers, 4 trucks were able to leave Bulgaria, Romania and the Ukraine before Christmas. Through your donation, you have made a significant contribution to giving people in need new hope.

The HSD works closely with the leaders of our churches and aid organizations in **Bulgaria, Hungary, Ukraine, Serbia, Romania and Kaliningrad**. For decades, regular meetings have taken place with the local authorities in order to be able to carry out targeted distribution of the relief supplies to the needy.

A special highlight was the benefit concerts of the gospel choir from Katowice, Poland for needy Christians in Northern Iraq. The Polish choir sang with enthusiasm in Plüderhausen, Mannheim, Malmsheim and Herrenberg for a good purpose.

We regularly support 2 Social Home for young people and children with about 120 children in Mariopol and Alexandria and about 100 children in families in the Ukraine.

We start aid projects, build them up and work to ensure that these projects ultimately become self-sustaining. Important here are the cooperating Churches, which contribute to the success of the projects.

**The year 2019 will also bring new challenges. The financial situation of Social Homes and rehabilitation centers in Mariupol, as well as the dangerous warfare on the demarcation line in the Don Bass area, Ukraine, forces us to send more relief supplies. Therefore we need your financial support again.**

Currently we have about 100 volunteers in our collection points all over in Germany including the volunteers in our Central warehouse Herrenberg in Germany. We would like to sincerely thank all the members of the Church of God, friends and volunteers prayers for the spiritual and financial support and ask Christ our Lord to bless you abundantly.

**The Samaritan Board**

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