

Eyewitness Account in Ukraine: 'I've Been in 41 War Zones. This Is the Worst I've Seen'

It's difficult for American believers to understand exactly what people in Ukraine are facing. The country has been left decimated by an invasion that has turned their lives upside down.

Yet Mike Evans, who recently made a courageous trip to bring aid and comfort to the Ukrainian people, says many believers have chosen to stick to the cross and trust God that He and He alone will deliver them from the evil perpetrated on them by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"The pastors have been astonishing," says Evans, a bestselling author and longtime advocate of Israel who arrived back in the U.S. late last week. "They're staying there for their congregations. They're in terrible straights right now, but they're believers. They're strong. They're praying, They're positive, but it's tough."

Evans then offers a way for others to help Ukrainian Christians.

"I think believers have to step up to the plate and unite with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine," Evans says. "They are hurting right now. They need all the support we can give them."

Evans' eyewitness account of the horrifying events in Ukraine over the past month is astounding.

"We brought a food truck in to get to the survivors because

they're suffering terribly," Evans says. "When I went in there to bring food, I started getting calls from pastors. Their congregations are absolutely starving right now because they're cut off from food supplies."

"It's a disaster," he adds. "I saw miles and miles of women and children waiting at the border. No men. Just women and children."

"They've spent two or three days on the road and 14 hours on trains that are totally dark. There's no water on the trains, so these people are coming off the trains in total shock. I've been in 41 war zones. This is the worst I've seen."

One of the worst realities of all is that Ukrainian women and children are leaving their home country, not knowing if they will ever see their husbands and fathers again.

"And Putin is hitting everything," Evans says. "Now he's hitting civilian targets. The U.S. is talking about the airspace, and Zelensky is talking about the airspace."

"Most people don't know, but the Russians are not firing over Ukrainian airspace," he says. "They're firing their missiles over Russian airspace. Thirty missiles hit where I was and killed 34 people and wounded 125, but they were fired from Russian airspace by planes."

Evans woke up when the shelling when missiles hit near him at 5 a.m. one morning. Sirens were going off, and people were yelling in Ukrainian to go hide.

"I said to myself, 'Well, I'm going to go hide right now,'" Evans says. "'The only place I can hide is in Jesus. He's my hiding place.' And I'm in this tiny little room, and I just drew my strength from Corrie Ten Boom's words, 'Jesus is my hiding place.' And God gave me peace. I didn't know if the bomb was going to hit the building or not, but it killed 34 people and wounded over 100."

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Evans offered this prayer for Ukrainians and for American believers who wish to pray for them:

Lord, I pray believers will get serious on their face. And they'll realize this [Putin] is just a man, like Nebuchadnezzar was a man. But God, You raise up kings and You take them down. And Father, I just pray that your Holy Spirit, the power of the Spirit, would bind these demon spirits in Putin that would kill, steal and destroy these precious Ukrainians, especially these dear Holocaust survivors.

They feel like they're going through another Holocaust right now. They feel that way because of the bombs, the food deprivation, no water and no electricity in the churches. So Lord, we intercede. We know You're on the throne, and there's no panic in heaven. And as Corrie ten Boom said, and as I prayed, "Lord, You are our hiding place," and we do put our trust in You, in the name of Jesus. {eo}

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