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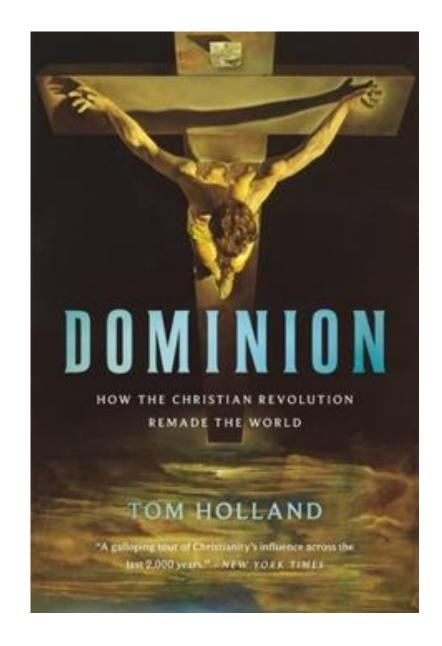
We go to hard places, discover what the Church and community need, and help get it

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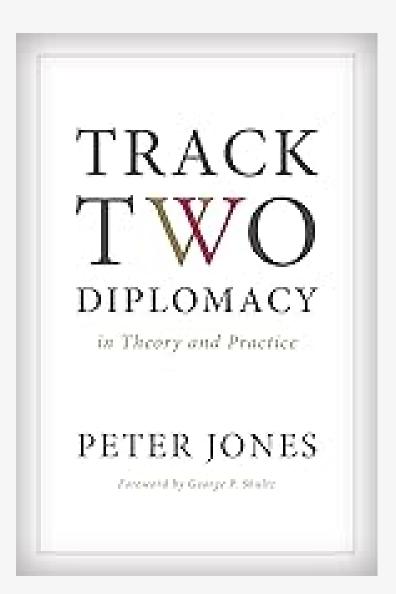
#### The Biblical mandate

- Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.
- Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
- James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.



#### World Crises

- There is a lot that politics cannot do, though our society tries to solve everything with government
  - Track 1 diplomacy (formal governmental)
  - Track 2 diplomacy (informal, non-governmental)
- Politicians often give mixed messages and can confuse those who rely on the US
  - Israel/West Bank
  - Middle East/Syria
  - Taiwan
  - Ukraine
  - US domestic
- The Church and the community have tremendous, poorly tapped power





- Founded in 2011 to educate soldiers, medical personnel, and Christians
- Incorporated MDHI in 2024
  - Action
    - Humanitarian logistics response, including medications, clothes, art therapy supplies, water filters, and tourniquets
    - Disaster relief in the US
  - Education Over 500 articles on a variety of topics from a Christian perspective, teaching in schools, churches, universities, and seminaries
  - Medical care clinic and consultation in Ukraine, Central Asia, and elsewhere
  - Security
- Small operational teams include veterans and local personnel
- Elements of MDHI organizational power diplomatic, informational, military (quasi), economic (DIME), plus spiritual power (prayer, the Word)



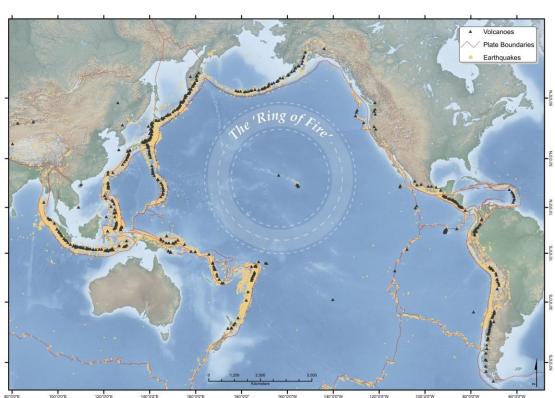
### Hard Places

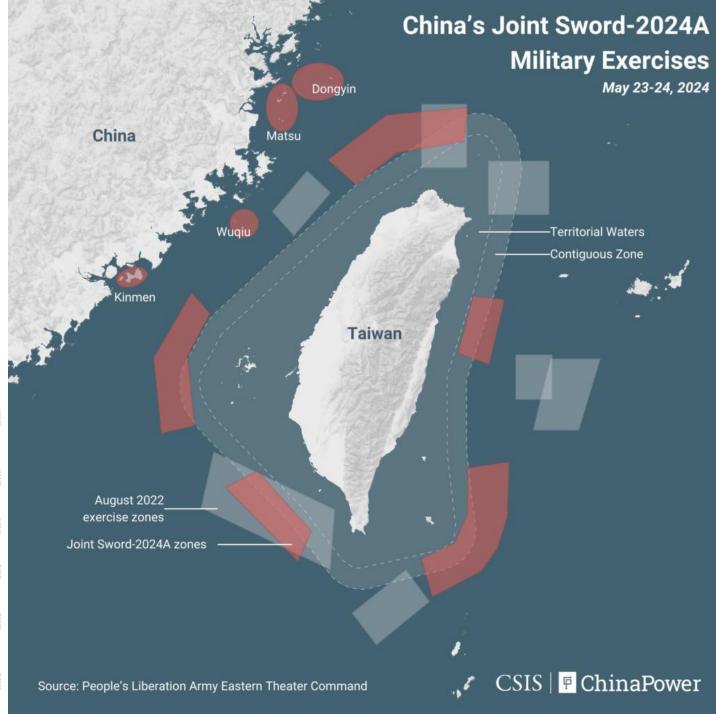
Taiwan and the South China Sea Feb 25



#### **Taiwan**

- Areas to address
  - Chinese threats of war
  - Natural disasters "ring of fire"
  - Low percentage of Christians





## MDHI Taiwan

ministry, evangelism, prayer, emergency, disaster, and defense















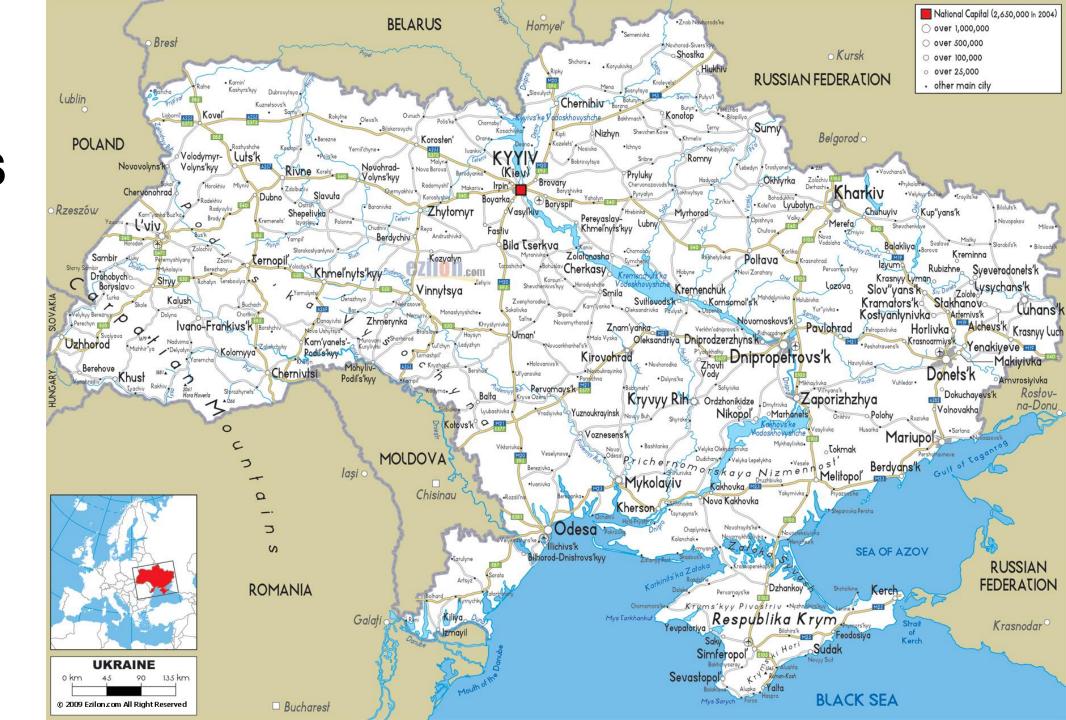
# Uniting Taiwan, Ukraine, and the USA

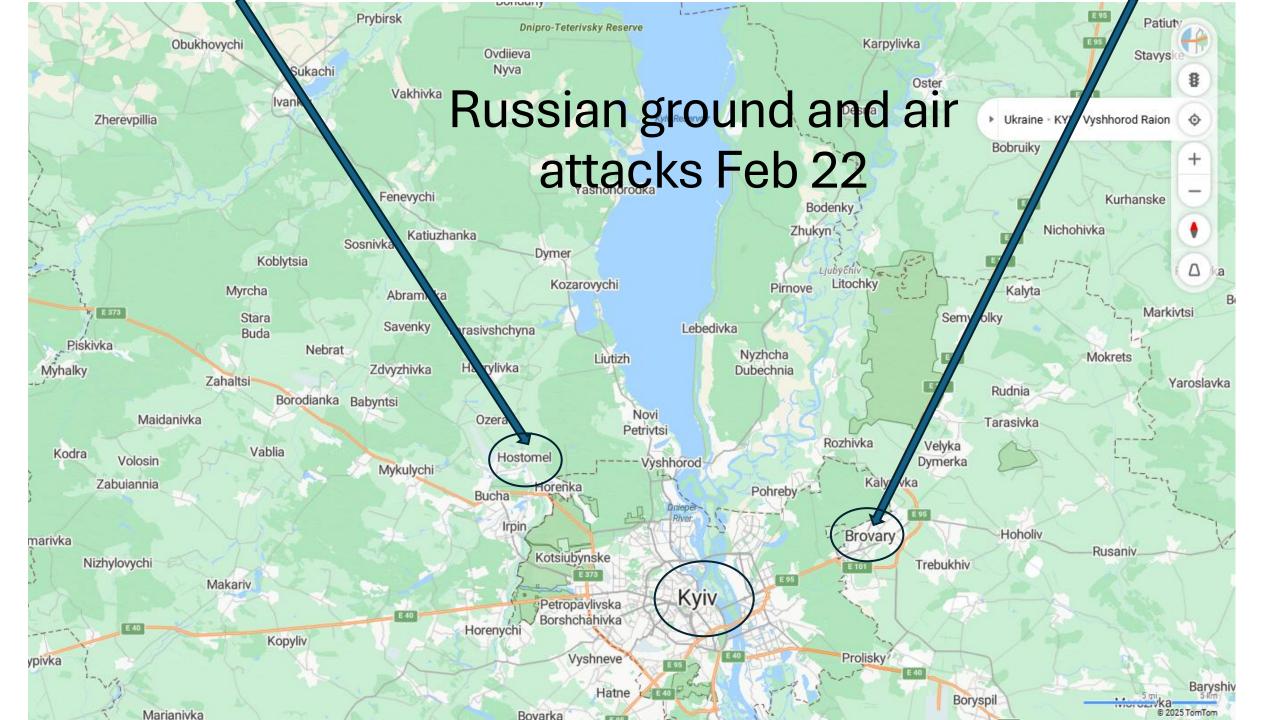
### Taiwan (Feb-Mar 2025)

- Aligning seminaries Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary with Kyiv Theological Seminary
- Aligning churches Taipei International Church with Redeemer Church in Kyiv
- Work involving US veterans (retired intelligence officers with communication to US intelligence community)
- Defense analysis and recommendations Defending Taiwan (<a href="https://mdharrismd.com/2025/03/21/defending-taiwan/">https://mdharrismd.com/2025/03/21/defending-taiwan/</a>)

# Hard Places

Ukraine (June 24, May 25, Oct 25)





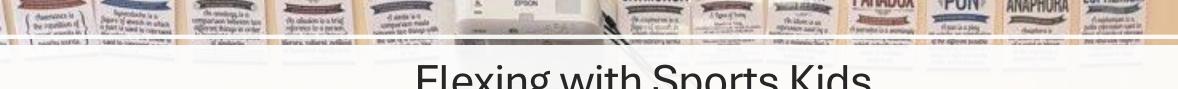
### Ukraine (Jun 24 and May 25)

- Teach world religions (4 days) at UBTS in Kyiv
- Develop scientific relationships between VNTU, WVU, and WVU-Tech
- Build bridges with the Kyiv Theological Seminary, including world religions discussions and business/financial consultation.
- Meet with Our Legacy personnel at the conference on King David at the Christian Football (soccer) Association facility near Kyiv
- Support a substance abuse clinic and a wounded soldier rehabilitation clinic
- Train coaches and youth athletes in strength and conditioning for camps and teams in basketball, football (soccer), and floorball (Matt)
- Deliver medications and tourniquets to the Christian Medical Association (Ukraine)

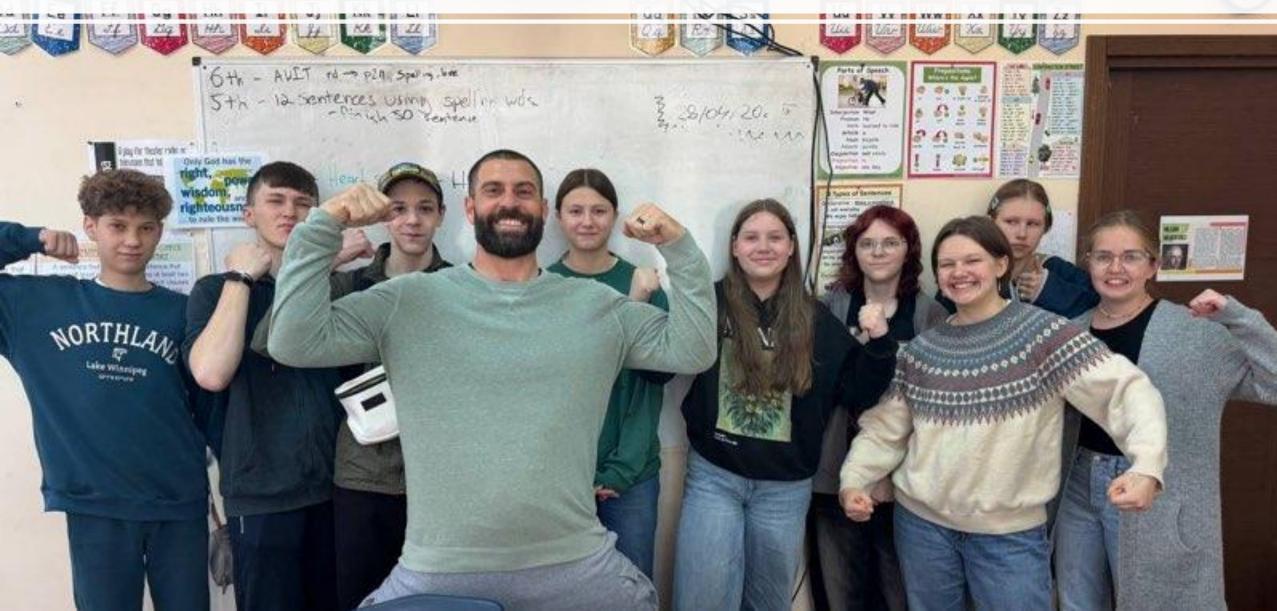
#### Vinnytsia

- Meeting with the Rector (President), the project officer, the public affairs director, and almost 20 leading research scientists
- Discussed the opportunities in collaboration with WVU-Tech (research, students, visiting scholars)





#### Flexing with Sports Kids





Teaching World Religions

#### Christian Medical Association -Ukraine

- Donated medical supplies and tourniquets
- Mobile clinics in 2026
  - Van-based clinics two days per week all over Ukraine, including combat zones.
- Teach medical students





Clothing sent from MBC by MDHI (2024-25) Distribution





Art Therapy

Kids with brain trauma or mental health issues

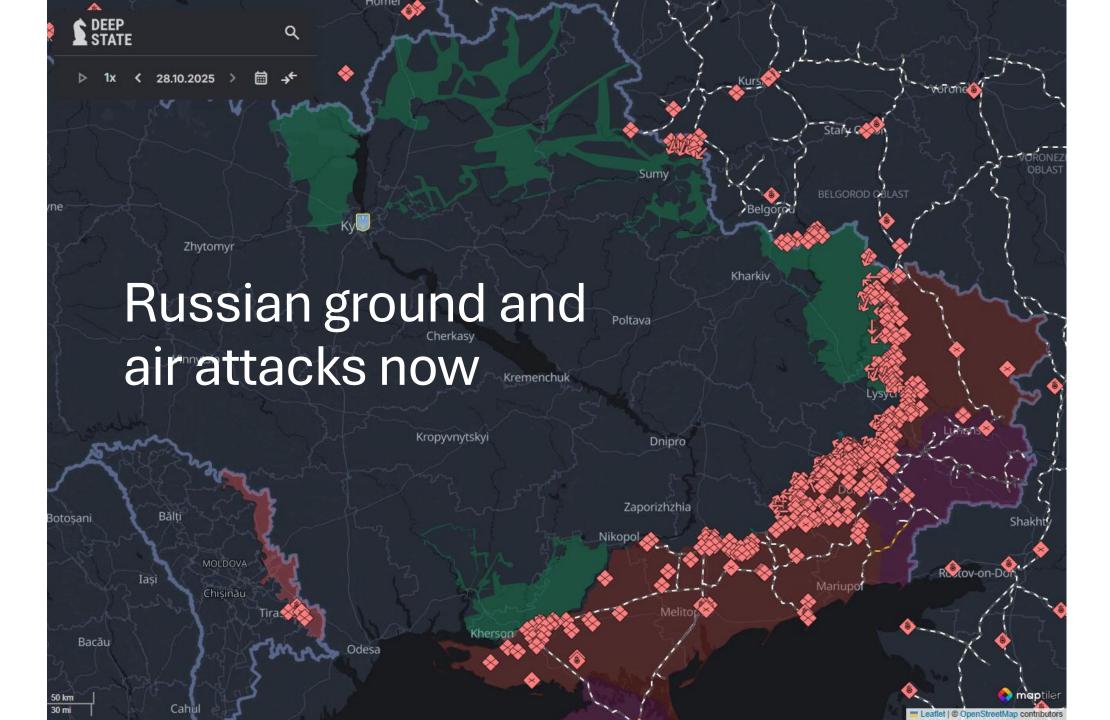




Ukraine Oct 25

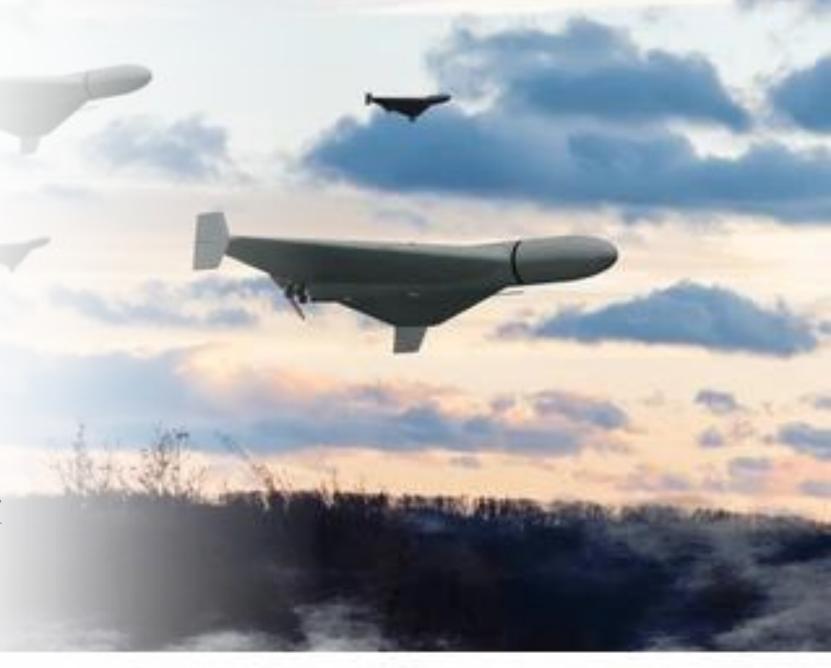
Planes and trains - 32 hours from WV to Kyiv

- Conducted a sports medical clinic
- Taught Biblical Theology of the NT at the Kyiv Theological Seminary (KTS)
- Preached at the Renewal Church in Kyiv
- Nightly air raids on Kyiv from drones and missiles. None came close to KTS, where I stayed (Psalm 91).



# Strategic and military analysis in Ukraine

- Surviving drone strikes information sharing between pastors and Christian leaders
- Working with veteran advisors
- Avoiding Putin's Trap https://mdharrismd.com/
   2024/12/05/avoiding putins-trap/.



#### Kyiv Theological Seminary

- Teaching Biblical Theology of the New Testament
- Fundraising consultation



Ukraine Oct 25

 Prayer walked the Park of Partisan Glory and the memorial to the fallen in this war

#### Gostomel

 Building ministry – homes and communities for the displaced

 Warehouse – humanitarian and building supplies and equipment

#### Boryslav

 Retreat for war orphans and troubled children





### **Ukraine** (2026)

- KTS courses
  - Biblical counseling
  - Fundraising
  - World Religions
  - Biblical Theology
- Flag football camp with 2<sup>nd</sup>
   Baptist Church in Brovary
  - Week-long for neighborhood kids, June/July
  - Church provides coaches and support staff
- Robotics for middle schoolers at a Christian school in Kyiv





- Taught robotics to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at a Christian school near Bethlehem
  - Rachel Harris was the primary teacher
  - About 70 Palestinian students, Christians (2/3) and Muslims (1/3)
  - No kits, just breadboards, servos, ultrasonic sensors, battery packs, and wires, plastic pieces, metal pieces, hot glue, double-sided tape, screws, and wires.
- Flag football idea of the leadership the day before we left
  - Shared Christ with children as we worked and played





#### **West Bank**

- Assisted in Bible teacher and curriculum evaluation
- Taught a 10<sup>th</sup> grade biology class
- Flag football camp (1 day)
  - 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders and faculty
  - About 80 students











# Flag Football

Future – football camp

### Natural Disasters in the United States



#### West/Pacific

- Earthquakes
- Wildfires
- Hurricanes
- Volcanoes
- Tsunamis
- o Landslides

#### West/Mountain

- Earthquakes
- Wildfires
- Winter storms

#### South/Southeast

- Tornadoes
- Landslides
- Earthquakes
- Hurricanes

#### Midwest

- Tornadoes
- Earthquakes
- Wildfires

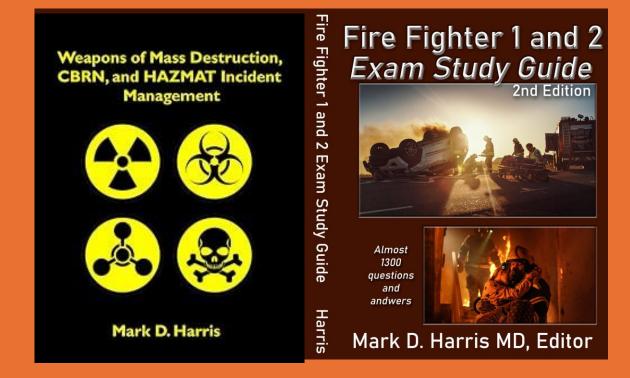
#### Mid-Atlantic

- Hurricanes
- Winter storms

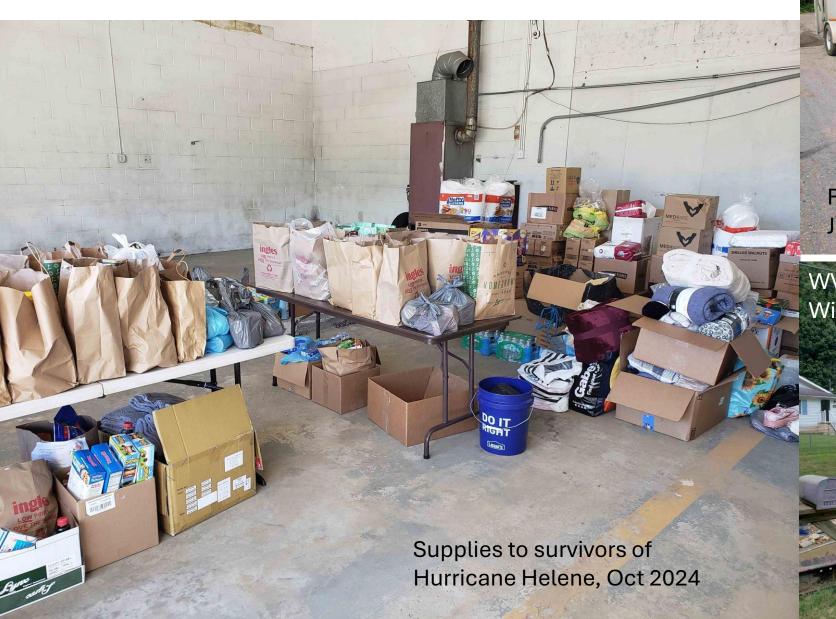
#### **New England**

- Hurricanes
- Winter storms

# Hard Places in the USA



### MDHI US 2023-2024





WVSBDR flood Recovery at Witcher Creek, Sep 2023

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#### US 2025



WVSBDR team cleaning flood damage in Triadelphia WV – Jun 25



WVSBDR team cleaning flood damage in Welch, WV – Mar 25

#### Oct 2025

- What we planned to do BT
   NT, clinic, robotics, planning.
- God added:
  - Ukraine building and logistics ministry, preaching, financial consultation
  - West Bank teaching biology and Bible, curriculum quality control, field medicine, sharing the gospel with children
  - Israel and the West Bank –
     Biblical studies with JUC



# **MD Harris**Institute

- Mission Go to hard places, discover what the Church and community need, and help get it
- We would appreciate your help
  - Pray
  - Give (501c3)
  - Go
- We will be in Ukraine in May-June 2026. The rest of the schedule is not finalized

