

Meet the Special Workers October 2023

Missions Area: Ukraine

Concept Area: World

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Jack and Brennan Gibbs grew up attending Mission Friends, Royal Ambassadors (RA), and Girls in Action (GA). As teenagers, God called them both to serve as special workers. They traveled overseas to volunteer on short-term missions trips before finally moving to Ukraine as a married couple. After relocating to Romania, they spend their time loving and helping refugees from Ukraine.

During their time in Ukraine, Mr. Gibbs organized medical clinics and volunteer teams. Mrs. Gibbs told mothers and other friends she met about Jesus. They connected Ukrainian churches interested in church planting with American churches for 3- to 5-year partnerships. They also worked with volunteers to support and pray for local pastors.

The Gibbs family left Ukraine in 2022 because of the war. They relocated to Romania, where they continue their work, mainly with Ukrainian refugees. They partner with Romanian locals to provide food, clothing, housing, and work for refugees. They connect local churches to American churches and provide medical clinics. Whenever possible, they support churches in Ukraine.

Jack and Brennan have two children, Jackson and Emma, who help their parents as they work with Ukrainian refugees.

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Note: Explain to preschoolers that a refugee is a person who has had to leave home for safety reasons and move to a new place to live.



Helping Others Activities

Threes and Fours will collect toothbrushes and toothpaste for refugees. See Sessions 1 and 4.

Kindergarten will collect soap and washcloths for refugees. See Sessions 1 and 4.

Prayer Requests

1. Pray for Jackson and Emma Gibbs, that they will grow up knowing and loving Jesus.
2. Pray for the Gibbs family as they adjust to life in Romania.
3. Ask God to continue to build the special workers team and give them many opportunities to help refugees.
4. Pray that the medical ministry will reach many people with help and the good news about Jesus.
5. Pray for refugees from Ukraine and the people still living in Ukraine. Pray for the war to end.

NEW: See select activity sketches on page 39.