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- **People in Arkansas, Oklahoma, & Texas** following a tornado outbreak – 19 tornados hit over the weekend.
- **Ukraine where the war continues** – evidence of atrocities against civilians is being discovered daily. Protests in Russa against the war & strong resistance to conscription efforts continue. The Russian leader has put all areas currently under his control in Ukraine & Russia, under some degree of martial law. Putin is now trying to hire soldiers from other countries (especially those who have been trained by U.S. forces in Afghanistan or elsewhere) to fight for Russia. He has resumed shelling key Ukrainian cities including the capital Kyiv. Electricity has been cut to at least half a million homes in Kyiv & many more in other cities by these attacks. Pastor Alex (Brethren pastor in Chernihiv, Ukraine), reports that Chernihiv is among the cities being attacked again after a summer of relative peace for them. There is no power in Chernihiv, & people are cutting wood to prepare for the winter. Pastor Alex plans to stay & minister there as long as he can keep his family safe.
- **The People of Haiti** –dealing with a cholera outbreak, gang violence, & major political unrest. The gang violence has impacted church activities. A Brethren Food Initiative driver was kidnapped & his truck stolen. He was latter released. Brethren medical programs have been curtailed because some doctors have fled the violence. Some programs in rural areas are continuing.
- **Puerto Rico & Dominican Republic, & the Philippines** – still recovering from hurricanes & storms. Brethren in Puerto Rico are doing whatever is needed to get help to the remaining pockets of people in difficult to reach areas. They are clearing roads, cutting trees to free powerlines, & helping ferry supplies across rivers where bridges are out. In some cases, when suppliers learned the church was purchasing bottled water for people in need, they refused to accept payment, or donated large quantities of water to the effort. Give thanks for these relief efforts & gifts of help.
- **Florida & other areas impacted by hurricane Ian** – The recovery efforts continue. Pray for those affected by the storm. Children’s Disaster Services workers have been at work in Florida at several locations. A number of shipments of Health, school, & baby kits & cleanup buckets have been sent to help from Church World Service.
- **Uganda** – the Ebola outbreak continues.
- **The People of Somalia** – facing famine & violence. Nearly half of the 16 million people there will be starving by December if nothing changes. The violence, tied to the al Qaeda-linked al-Shabaab, & a drought, have displaced thousands of people. The government has yet to declare a famine even though doing so unlocks international aid.
- **Victims of Gun Violence** – 37,861 people have died in gun violence this year (up 626 from last week), including 1,440 children (up 28 from last week). 33,801 people have been injured (up 583 from last week) including 3,855 children (up 60 from last week). There have been 587 mass shootings in 2022 (up 9 from last week).
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