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## The Power of Words Kirk Nowery

When you care about something so much you're willing to have your heart broken.

"I'm sorry I was so tough on you, I only wanted you to amount to something..." – Kirk's Dad

On Thursday, February 24, 2022, Russian forces invaded Ukraine. Five million refugees fled Ukraine, and eight million others were displaced; 90% of those affected were women and children. By March 24, 2022, more than half of all children in Ukraine had left their homes. The invasion has caused Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War Two.

"Can't we do something?" – Violeta Nowery

To rescue children and transform their lives through acts of compassion in Jesus' name. – Hope Partners International Mission Statement

"Can't we do something?"

Since Thursday, February 24, 2022, we have provided care, shelter, and provisions like food, medicine, winter blankets, sleeping bags, soap, candles, and generators to more than 200,000 Ukrainian refugees.

Hope Partners currently has twelve Hope Centers in seven countries across five continents.

**Matthew 25:31-32 (ESV):** "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

**Matthew 25:33-34 (ESV):** "And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

**Matthew 25:35-36 (ESV):** "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

**Matthew 25:37-39 (ESV):** "Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "

**Matthew 25:40 (ESV):** "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' "

"Did I do my best?"

What is the furthest distance in the worship center, in this sanctuary?

"We cannot let our inability to fix everything paralyze us into doing nothing." – Sharon McMahon

Can't we do something?

Yes, you can.