

Dear Friend,

FROM KYIV INDEPENDENT NEWS:

"Three years ago, on March 31, 2022, (one month after the invasion began) the Ukrainian Armed Forces liberated Bucha — revealing Russia's true face to the world.

"Patriots tortured in basements, cars with entire families executed, civilians' bodies left on the streets. These scenes of deliberate genocide against Ukrainians must never be forgotten.

"But Ukrainians pushed this evil out. We remember how Ukrainian soldiers expelled the Russians from Bucha, Irpin, Borodyanka — from the entire Kyiv region — and later from the Sumy, Chernihiv and Kharkiv regions.

"Russia was defeated then. Russia will be defeated again."



A woman with child lay flowers to memorial set to pay homage to the civilians buried in the mass grave at Church of St. Andrew and Pyervozvannoho All Saints in the Ukrainian town of Bucha, northwest of Kyiv on March 30, 2025, marking the third anniversary of the liberation of Bucha from the Russian occupiers on March 31, 2022. More than 500 civilian people were killed during Russian occupation of the city. (Sergei Supinsky / AFP via Getty Images)

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[Ukraine marks grim Bucha anniversary, calls for justice | AP News](#)

<https://apnews.com/article/bucha-anniversary-russia-ukraine-war-3a6bab1d1b655f769f6c5c2c8e36b6f6>

As you know, we are honored and blessed to be **servicing 20 orphanages across war-torn Ukraine, and currently **six of those orphanages are in the Chernigov region...**one is in the city of Chernigov and is the largest orphanage with which we work **(250 CHILDREN TOTAL THERE).****

In addition to Bucha and other places, Chernigov was 70% destroyed before the Russians were pushed out of the capital of the region.

Here is a very poignant video that shows the BEFORE and AFTER of the reality on the ground:

<https://www.facebook.com/MariyaEfrosinina/videos/983720788929132>

