

(Email dated June 8, 2023)

Hi dear friends :-)

Zhenia and I thank you for your prayers and encouragement. Thank you for your kind words and support. I have not been able to write you a letter for the last 3 weeks. The last weeks have been very full of events in Ukraine and in ministry.

Another year in the service of God and people at the Sports Academy here in Kyiv has come to an end. Holidays are ahead and the search for support for the new year of service. We have time until August to do all the work and start the new year of ministry with new strength from the Lord and a heart full of love for people.

Thank you to each of you for faithfully helping our family and many people here in Ukraine. We appreciate you!

Ps. 121:1-2:
**I raise my eyes and look at the mountains,
and where to expect help? There will only be help from the Lord,
from the One who created both the heavens and the earth."**

I read this psalm at night when I wake up to explosions in the sky. It's like a heart tranquilizer pill. I am happy when I meet the morning, the sunrise, I hear the birds singing, when the rocket fire ends, we all fall asleep in the house around 5:00 in the morning.

I want to tell you about a miracle from the Lord. On the night of May 16-17, Kyiv was attacked by the largest number of rockets ever fired at one time.

I will never forget that night, that fear in me and my children, we thought that it was time to go to Jesus, that these were the last minutes of life. We saw a lot of rockets and explosions in the sky.

A Russian "Kalibr" missile fell near our house, it failed, the distance from our house is 120 meters (360 feet). When the military came to take the rocket away, they said we were very lucky. But we know that it is the Lord!

Rocket fuel was spilled near the house, it is toxic, but by God's grace, we and our neighbors have no bad health symptoms. Our help is from the Lord!

All of May and the beginning of June are very emotionally, spiritually and physically difficult. Every night we wake up, we struggle with fear when we hear 15-20 explosions at night not far from home.

Yesterday we left our house in Kyiv and came to Western Ukraine to the mountains to rest a little after a very difficult 40 days of shelling of Kyiv. Here in the Ukrainian mountains, it is "another world", people do not know what war is, rockets do not fly here, explosions are not heard here, people here work calmly, go to school and help our volunteers and soldiers - and this is all the mercy of God.

Everything is fine with our children, they are normally enjoying their vacation in the mountains and are looking forward to a trip to the USA.

Stesha finished the 2nd grade of home school in May, she passed the state certification well, and now it's vacation. Tomas was waiting for it to be warm to swim, he enjoys when he finds himself near a lake or a river. Leo likes to be where we all are. The main thing for him is that there is a lot of food and a fan.

We will be in the mountains for a few days, then we will leave for Germany, from there we will have a plane to the USA on June 15. We will visit our missionary friends in Hungary, and then visit our older sister Zhenya in Austria.

In Germany, we will visit the recently established Ukrainian church. Her pastor is my good friend, Pastor Roma. A year ago I wrote a lot about him, Roma was involved in the evacuation of people from Eastern Ukraine, took a lot of bread to Eastern Ukraine, and now he and his family opened a church in Germany and serve many Ukrainians.

In our church, we continue to serve refugees, about 60 refugees come to our church twice a month, we started 2 night Bible groups for new people. We as a church will continue to serve refugees in the future. Thanks for all your help.

Please pray for the evacuation of people from southern Ukraine. On Tuesday Russian rockets destroyed the dam, the water level in some areas where people live has risen to 5 meters (15 feet), many have already died, people are sitting on the roofs of houses waiting to be rescued.

Please pray for people who have lost their homes, businesses, and every hope of returning to their home. Please pray for the possibility of evacuating people and settling with us at the Sports Academy. Right now some of our friends are evacuating people who are just floating in the water with their house.

May the Lord help our family to leave all the stress we received every night during the rocket attacks during May-June.

Please have mercy for our time in the USA, and the opportunity to meet new people.

Please pray for monthly support for our family and support for refugee ministry in our church.

Our schedule:

We will be in Washington DC on June 15-20.

June 20-25 we will be in Midlothian, VA.

June 27th - July 9th we will be in Nashville, TN.

July 10-31 we will be in Kentucky. Somewhere around these dates there will be a trip to Alabama for a few days.

On August 2, our plane returns to Germany, and from there by car we return to Ukraine to our lovely home.

We will be happy to see everyone, tell what the Lord is doing in Ukraine now, all the miracles, many stories, pray with you and thank Jesus.

How can we pray for you?

Zhenya and I pray for you every morning and thank Jesus.

May the Lord Jesus Christ give you strength to believe and take steps of faith, see miracles and glorify the Lord.

We love you and hug you, Bogdan and Zhenia.

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