

## **Email from Bogdan & Zhenia Zubtsov dated August 3, 2023 (edited for space):**

Hi dear friends :-)

Thank you for your prayers for our family and ministry in Ukraine. We appreciate you and everything you do. Thanks to you, our family can devote all its time to service in Ukraine. We also pray for you and your needs every day. We are glad to know you.

From June 15 to August 2, our family was in the USA, we were very happy to see many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. In recent months, we have seen a lot of sacrificial love and care in Jesus Christ. People opened their homes so that our family could live there, helped with hotels, cars and food. Many prayed for us and encouraged us. Children were given new toys and good emotions. We were able to speak at 6 different churches and meet new friends. Some people began to pray for service in Ukraine and to support our family. Faithful God who helped us collect almost all the deficit of support that we had.

God continues to bless His children and the glory of God's Kingdom.

Yesterday at lunch we returned to Germany, today we are in Austria spending time with Zhenila's older sister.

Lena and her son Max have been living here for the last 17 months since the war started. Lena's husband Igor lives in Kyiv and attends our church. Igor works in a construction company in Kyiv, Lena works as an English teacher here in Austria. We pray for the repentance of Igor, Lena and Max. We pray that Lena will return to Ukraine and the family will be together. It is very difficult to live separated from each other for so long.

Tomorrow we will go to Hungary where we will meet our friends who also left Ukraine because of the war and live separately. We want to spend time together and encourage people.

On Friday evening, we will cross the border into Ukraine and drive to our home.

Please pray for our children because it is a little difficult for them now that the time has changed, they want to sleep during the day and play at night.

Please pray for Zhenia and I to feel good on the road as we still have 2000 km (1250 miles) to our home.

Please pray for service in our church. From the 21st to the 25th, we will hold a camp for the children of immigrants. It will be a special event when we will be able to tell about Jesus to children who have suffered greatly and lost their homes due to the war.

Please pray for Lekso and Dima. These are brothers in the Lord who believed in Jesus two years ago and were baptized in our church a few weeks ago.

Pray for our mentoring time with Lekso. We meet with him regularly for Bible study.

Please pray for the service to the refugees, many people are coming, there are many physical and spiritual needs. People seek the Lord. We pray for their repentance and hope in the Lord to live on and build a new life in a new place.

Dear friends, thank you for every prayer. Please continue to pray for us every day, so that the Lord will use our family to preach the Gospel and strengthen people in faith.

Every night when everyone is sleeping in Kyiv, powerful explosions are heard when drones with missiles are shot down, the war continues, the level of stress and anxiety is high.

Over the past 6 weeks, we have gotten used to sleeping peacefully at night and not waking up with the fear of death, we know that there will be a difficult period ahead, but we continue to believe that in all difficult circumstances, the Lord will continue to act in us and through us.

We love you and hug you.

With love in Jesus Christ, Bogdan and Zhenia, Stephanie, Tomas and Leo.



Baptism of Lekso



Our local church at the Academy



Baptism of Dima



Thomas and Leo always sit together



Our speeches in the churches of America



Good time on the plane



Time in Austria with Lena and Max



Already 2 days on the way from the airport to the Ukrainian border