



Committed to Trust!
Compelled to Go!

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Dear Friends, Family, and In-Pact Partners:

Would you believe it, but on March 5th we started writing this update, hoping the horrible fighting in Ukraine would quickly end. But, this is now day 60, and it continues. Soon we will update you on personal and ministry news, but today our main focus will be on the horrific war in Ukraine, give you a little background, update you on some of our friends there, and offer you an opportunity to partner with us as we work through channels that put our funds almost immediately on the ground and in the hands of those needing it. So far we have received over \$11,000 and have already disbursed nearly \$8,000 to five specific ministries and individuals who have “boots on the ground” providing medicines, food, clothing, fuel, and other related items. We need MUCH more!

Of necessity, this letter will be much, MUCH longer than most, but we want you to know about some of our friends and people we are trying to support through prayer and finances during this horrible war. We hope it will stir your heart and encourage you to be involved any way you can – especially in prayer and giving. One thing that has left an indelible mark on our hearts is, to be totally honest, just how self absorbed many Christians in the U.S. have become. To many Christians, Ukraine isn’t even an afterthought. Makes us cry.

FIRST A LITTLE BACKGROUND -- Important to Understand:

Background on this war goes back many decades – actually, centuries in a way. Putin’s Invasion of Ukraine is merely an extension and enlargement of what he began in 2014 when he invaded and took control of Crimea and tried to establish control of the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine. Crimea was fully annexed, but Donbas became a more highly contested area where fighting has actually continued since then, but rarely reported by most western countries. Hardly a week has gone by since 2014 where Russian and Ukrainians didn’t fight.

Russia’s military in this recent expansion and escalation of the war has been vicious and uncalled for. **One must understand three things about the war.**

1. **First,** Ukraine has never had visions of expansionism and invading other countries, but just as with all other former Soviet countries, it simply wants to be independent and free since the dissolution of the USSR in 1991. That dissolution came at the hands of the Communist Party in power at that time.

2. **Second,** since then, Putin has never changed his plans for Ukraine –

1) He believes that Ukraine was a territory born out of the ancient Kievan-Rus culture when, in fact, just the opposite is true: -- Russia originated in Kyiv as part of the **Kievan-Rus** culture as history clearly shows. While they are both of the Slavic language groups, original Russians and Ukrainians come from different lineages.

2) He is also convinced that the Presidium of the Supreme Council under Khrushchev, giving Crimea to Ukraine in 1954 was both a mistake and was also illegal, and that Crimea belongs to Russia. Khrushchev was, of course, a Ukrainian by birth. Putin’s belief is reinforced by the fact that in 1992 the Supreme Council of Russia ruled that the action was illegal because the Presidium acted even though they did not have a quorum.

3. **Finally,** he believes that the dissolution of the Soviet Union in October, 1991, was a horrible mistake and should have never happened in the first place. His ambition has long been to reassemble it, come what may.

Based on these three primary factors, and resting on major political maneuvering over the past nearly 30 years, he is continuing his efforts to re-assemble as much of the ancient Russian empire and modern Soviet Union as he possibly can. Add to that his ever-increasing paranoia over western nations infringing on his territory, His invasion of Ukraine is no surprise. To this day, he sees Ukraine as a territory or region of Russia.

The Russian DNA of heavy-handed rule has been part of the culture for centuries, built around the idea of imperialism – being a vast empire – leading back at least to the Tsarist era. For example, when Putin invaded Chechnya in 1994, he based it on conflict leading at least back to 1785. Again, Russia tried to gain control of Georgia, but settled only for loyalty from its northern regions of South Ossetia and Abkhazia.

But, that is how Putin operates – taking as much as he can, a bite at a time. He has his eyes also on Finland, Sweden (ancient Russian territories) as well as Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. And, of course, he'd love to have Poland and Romania back. His visions of grandeur manifested in his idea of imperialism create, then, his deep hatred for and fear of any of these countries being part of NATO and the EU. He rejects the idea that Ukraine could or would join either or both – just as Finland and Sweden are now doing paper work to do so.

So, what is happening in Ukraine is critical, not just for Russia and Ukraine, but for all western democratic countries, including the United States. The idea that the U.S. has no national vested interest in Ukraine is ludicrous. The entire western world has a vested interest in Ukraine. If Ukraine falls to Russia, and if the United States continues to drag its feet in the matter, we will see the same thing happening when President Roosevelt tried to stay out of World War II as Hitler invaded nine European countries in less than three years, all the while England's Chamberlain thinking he could sway Hitler from his vision of world domination.

This is Putin's agenda with his neighbors – particularly if he can maintain strong alliances with China, Iran, Serbia, and other like-minded nations. Let's hope it doesn't end up with another Pearl Harbor for us.

In spite of horrendous costs to Putin's military force and the near collapse of his economy, he won't be deterred from his goal. His commitment is so unshakable that nothing apart from some internal movement will stop him. As of April 14th, Putin had lost more troops in 50 days than he lost in nearly ten years in Afghanistan when he lost 15,000 soldiers. Today, that number has grown to over 22,000, and they've lost over 20% of their tanks.

This past January, Bob wrote about Ukraine's ancient history in one of his weekly Shoulder to Shoulder letters. If you will go to the following link and read it, you will get even further insight into today's invasion by Putin.

<https://welovegod.org/groups/shoulders/0::1412read.html>

There are also some excellent videos that explain the history and ramifications of the situation. They are quite good, and we strongly urge you take time to watch them at . . .

<https://ukraine.ua/explore/origins-history-of-ukraine/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WL2VJOn2A>

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dv_Ft_9g1MjmEOwR3Q1qOtOrtC0-BphZ/view

<https://ukrainianpost.com/opinions/272-what-should-russia-do-with-ukraine>

<https://euromaidanpress.com/2022/04/06/ruscism-towards-ukrainians-imperialism-for-the-world-what-is-the-history-between-ukraine-and-russia-why-did-russia-invade-ukraine/?swcfpc=1>

Bob has posted many, many update articles and pictures on his Facebook page, so if you'd like to check some of those out, you can go to <https://www.facebook.com/bob.tolliver.52> . Now on to . . .

SOME SPECIAL PEOPLE WE KNOW AND LOVE:

During our six years in Ukraine, we got to know some amazing people -- Ukrainians, Russians, and expats. The war has impacted them all. We'd like you to meet some and what they are doing during this horrible war:

Joel and Ira: -- Joel helped start our Spanish church in Kyiv and Ira was Bob's translator at St. James Bible College. They helped us start KIBC, and Joel also worked closely with the Farsi ministry. Their own ministry of training evangelists, missionaries, and pastors is closely linked to One Challenge in Colorado Springs.

After nearly 20 hours trying to cross the border, they arrived in Poland, where they are partnering with Convoy of Hope and Ira's own family (still in Ukraine) helping get humanitarian aid back to family members serving through various churches northwest of Kyiv where the Russian army was coming down from Belarus. Her father and two uncles are pastors, and her brothers are musicians. They remain in Ukraine serving others.



Joel and Ira in better days



Heading to Poland



With Ira's parents & brother

“M” and Family: -- “M” is the founder of our Farsi ministry we began in 2006, now the largest Christian ministry on social media in the world to Farsi speakers. He and “Ira” also have a Christian translating service where they can translate books and manuscripts into some 200 languages. They moved from Brovary to L’viv a couple of years ago, but after taking his staff of ten and family up into a small village in the Carpathian Mountains for protection, they traveled to Prague, where they carry on the translating business, the Farsi ministry, and providing humanitarian supplies. They don’t know the status of their house in Brovary, heavily bombed. When Bob first heard from him, he described how food, water, and fuel were almost impossible to find, and he was hiring a driver to go many miles at his own peril to find basic food items and gasoline. He stated, *“Pastor Bob, I can’t even begin to describe how terrible the situation is.”* They are currently in Italy, but will return to Prague in a few weeks.



Mo, Diana, Irina, Roman



Mo’s Sound Man’s House



Bibles in Farsi Language



Mani

Mani and Family: -- Mani is one of “M”’s key leaders in the Farsi ministry. His Ukrainian wife was a producer for CBN TV studios in Kyiv. Together they produce hundreds of videos for Farsi speakers to access on social media and satellite TV. Soon after the war began they evacuated to Poland and then on to Berlin. We think they are now in a Christian refugee facility in Bremen, Germany (where our friends Jim and Heike Irwin pastored an international church while we were in Kyiv). In spite of the war and being a refugee himself, Mani continues ministering through the Farsi network and “pastoring” a new Farsi church plant in Azerbaijan via internet.

Paul and Nastya: -- Paul Logan is founder of one of the most respected ministries in Ukraine, “Arise Ukraine!” The first person to welcome us to Ukraine in 2003, his ministry is comprehensive, and we have been privileged to pray for it and support it financially numerous times. Check it out at <http://www.ariseukr.com>.

Paul and his Ukrainian wife, Nastya, tried to stay in the area for a time, but then evacuated to Moldova. That day he sent the following report – *“Dear friends, ‘Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!’ (Ps. 27:7) As the conflict rages on in Ukraine, we understand that our only hope is God. Buildings and homes are being destroyed. Stores and gas stations, depleted. Families and livelihoods, devastated. The future looks bleak. But...We will see the victory. We will see the miracle. If we continue to pray! ‘And let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart.’ (Gal. 6:9). We are deeply grateful for your prayers and gifts. As I write, our team is gathering food and medicine in Moldova to be shipped to Ukraine next week.”*

Since then we’ve heard that they have returned to Ukraine to better facilitate humanitarian aid and better contact with the hundreds of pastors and thousands of young people they have touched. Here’s a recent report from Paul and Natasha. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a3ssiYJHvc8ZKS4Wv7RxVaDXI4zPKKpN/view>.



Paul and Nastya in Kyiv



Paul with Humanitarian Aid



Vitaliy and Liudmyla



Vitaliy Preaching KIBC 2007

Vitaliy and Liudmila: -- Vitaliy was lead deacon in the first church we pastored in Kyiv, Living Vine IBC, and also was part of the Pastoral Leadership Team in the second, KIBC, where he often preached. They don’t

know the status of their apartment in Obolon, heavily bombed. A retired university professor who subsequently worked with an international corporation via the internet as an interpreter, Vitaliy also taught a Bible class at Living Vine. Of all the people with whom we ever worked, Vitaliy was truly Bob's "right hand man" in both churches, and was one of the first from whom we heard when the invasion began.

Early on in the war he wrote, "Dear Bob, thank you for your message and your kind words of sympathy and support. Every time I see your posts on FB with the blue-and-yellow color on your avatar, I'm grateful to you and to all brothers and sisters in Christ who pray for Ukraine. . . . Please, keep praying for Ukraine. . . . resisting the enemy, we feel the strength of your prayers, we feel that the Lord is with us. If so, who can be against us?" Later he posted, "Memories of the wonderful days in Living Vine assail me. Thanks, Bob. You are a great servant of the Lord helping us to grow in Christ in those days..."

Since he wrote the above from Zaporizhzhia, not far from the second endangered nuclear plant, they went to Germany. They are now in Eberbach near Heidelberg. Fluent in Ukrainian, Russian, English, and German, he teaches German to the many Ukrainian refugees who are in Heidelberg. He and Liudmyla participated in our prayer walking events throughout Kyiv, particularly the one we did praying at some of the ancient city gates.

Bob recently asked Vitaliy about the contrast between Russian and Ukrainian culture because he had lived in both countries and under Communism. Because his remarks were so revealing and thoughtful, they will further verify more of what you hopefully watched in the videos we posted above. He said, . . .

“. . . there were a few things which impressed me in those days [his Russia years] being a cultural shock. The first difference was that while the Russians are collectivists by nature, the Ukrainians are more of individualists.

"... the Ukrainians are generally skeptical about their government and their political leaders, and are almost always ready to criticize them (they have never had a czar), the Russians are politically obedient [even] venerating their ruler, be it czar Nicholas, or Vladimir Lenin, or Josef Stalin, or Nikita Khrushchev, or Vladimir Putin.

"The 'empire mentality' is the basis of the Russians' world view. Empires cannot exist without expansion, and the Russians, when they speak of other countries, they divide the countries into 'ours' and 'not ours' and want those which are 'not ours' to be 'ours' too.

"The Russians are more straightforward (to the point of bluntness) than the Ukrainians, while the Ukrainians are more 'polite and diplomatic'. The Russians are proud of their 'heroic' past, the Ukrainians are very sensitive to what is justice versus injustice, etc., etc. The above . . . strike you as most conspicuous as soon as you start communicating with representatives of both nations."

Helen Marchenko and Mother: -- We call her our Ukrainian granddaughter, but she is more like a daughter to us. Helen (Elena) was the first person Bob baptized at the second church (KIBC), and was part of our praise team with a beautiful "gusty" alto voice. Her passion is singing praises to the Lord. She also was involved in helping us with the new Spanish church, and traveled from her home in Irpin in order to participate. Fluent in English, she held numerous jobs with large hotels and other agencies, and as a translator for Canadian and Ukrainian law enforcement agencies.

After trying to stay in their home in Irpin, Helen and her mother moved to a friend's apartment, Masha, in the heart of Kyiv. A few days they tried to go to L'viv. After several attempts to get on a train, they finally succeeded and from there went to Warsaw and then went to Offenbach, Germany. She's learning German and hopes for a job. Irpin is almost totally destroyed, although her house is intact. Because Germany provides livable compensation to refugees, she refused our financial help and asked that we use it for those who need it most.



Bob Baptizing Helen



Helen and Masha



Valya and husband



Valya in Costume

Valya Maluta: -- Valya is an amazing Christian woman who served missionaries in Kyiv for many years, translating, running errands, doing interior decorating, catering meals, cleaning apartments, etc. She has experienced much suffering over the years – death of her mother, sudden death of her husband, etc. Since the

invasion into Kyiv, she and her current husband have been living in hiding in their “dacha”, a small garden with a storage shed that is used to safeguard tools and serve as a tiny cabin during Summer months. Her daughter-in-law and two grandsons are somewhere west and her son is fighting in Kharkiv. Her husband works dangerous 10-day shifts on the train between Kyiv and Zaporizhzhia near a major nuclear power plant.

Pavlo Skumin: -- “Pasha is one of four graduates of St. James Bible College’s first graduating class who went to Brusilov to share the Gospel throughout 23 nearby small towns and villages. We had lost contact, but last week Bob was able to reconnect. The area is west of Kyiv and close to where the Russian convoy was stalled for such a long time. Pasha informed him that there are over 5,000 families in his area whose homes are either damaged or destroyed. He and a group of other pastors visit several villages every day delivering food, clothing, and medicines. The day Bob messaged with him via Facebook, they had just visited five such villages where they provided aid and shared the Gospel to over 200 people. Their resources are meager.



Pasha, Alina, & Children



Pasha's Church



Delivering Aid



Village Families in Need Hear Gospel and Given Help

Maria Kolos: -- “Masha”, a dear friend has stayed in Kyiv in spite of the ravages of war. She helped us with the Spanish church in Kyiv. For several years she, Tania Llopiz (our Cuban “daughter”), and Helen Marchenko have worked with a children’s hospital specializing in organ transplants. She works with a number of children waiting for transplants. Several weeks ago the children were moved to the relative safety of L’viv where two of them received kidney transplants and one a heart transplant from a 55 year old man who had been killed in the war. Masha is currently trying to provide medicines and other things for those children who are going to be taken back to Kyiv this week or next. Recently we found out about the need and are committed to helping.



Our friend, Masha Kolos



Medical supplies



Waiting for Kidney Transplants



Dr's did two kidney and one heart transplant

Anna and family: -- Anna is another dear friend whom we met through our Spanish work in Kyiv. Anna was an air traffic controller at Borispol Airport that was essentially destroyed in the first days of the war. When our Tania was sent to Sweden by the UNHCR, Anna was there to see her off. When we left Kyiv to return home for good, she was there to see us off.

Soon after the war broke, she responded to Bob’s inquiry as to her welfare, writing, *“We’re in Poland at the moment. Yet without exact plan, but we’re working on that. We’re good, there are people who help but more-over air traffic controllers from all the Poland have been united to help and some of them help us. So like almost every day we meet another person ready to help. My family today finally got to the city not far from the border but they still need time to decide whether they will cross or not. My dad stays in Kyiv.”*

A few minutes later, she wrote, *“Thank you dear Bob. Yes, I think I still don’t realize the whole situation. Feels like this is a nightmare and soon you’ll wake up and everything will be the same. Though I miss and long for the things and places I left like crazy, I feel ok just knowing that my family and friends are still alive.”*

Anna and her family are now in Spain, trying to decide where to live if the war continues on for a long time. She informed us Sunday that she has a job, so it looks like they may stay there for awhile. We don't know the condition of their apartment in Kyiv, or further info on her father.



Anna in cockpit



Anna and her three children



Ludmila preparing



Ludmila top left on 2007 Germany trip

Ludmila and Annie – Ludmila was a part of both churches in Kyiv. She always dressed so elegantly when she came to church. She was a regular at KIBC, the second church, was a great prayer warrior, and always wore her trademark, a beautiful red hat. Ludmila is a retired school teacher who, even to this day, sends her former students and pastors regular holiday greetings on American holidays and birthdays.

She and her daughter, Annie, are still in Kyiv, and, for that reason, are still in real danger, subject to mortar, rocket, and bomb explosions plus gunfire. Bob got the following message from her this past Friday. It is so sad, and we can only imagine how she feels:

“Hello, pastor Bob! Thank you very much for praying! . . . God bless you! We're at home with Annie. We've been praying all the time. The situation is helpless and depressing because it's hard to understand why it has happened with us? Our parents got into the same situation 80 years ago and now we are. It's so sad, scary and hopeless. Who's to blame and what's to be done? Ever questions... But nothing is new. Our selfishness and ignorance makes us blind and helpless. People forgot that they are all from one and the same dad and mum. That we're all sisters and brothers. And we have the only Almighty God above. I am trying to realise the situation but I can't, I'm at lost. It's beyond my understanding, unfortunately. Lord, give me wisdom to get to know Your Will ! My pain is that Ukrainian soldiers and Russian soldiers are the kids i had taught and loved for many years. It's so painful. Thanks, Bob! You are my favourite pastor. Say 'Hello!' to my colleague Jo Ann. Love you both.”

Natasha and Family: -- Natasha was a teen-ager when we served the first church, Living Vine IBC. Her mother, Olga was the church treasurer and a faithful servant, hungry for God's Word. Natasha worked for a time in the television industry in Kyiv. She also became an exceptional artist; we have one of her paintings in our home today. Soon after the war began, Bob tried to track her and her parents down, and got this note:

“Hello, Bob! Thank you for your support. Me, my husband, our two kids and two of our friends are currently in Western Ukraine. We had to run away from Kyiv on the second day of war because it wasn't safe to stay. We heard bombs bursting somewhere not far from Kyiv and sirens over our homes. Our friends are from Irpin, which is very close to Kyiv, and they saw from their windows helicopters flying and being shot down. Now the town of Irpin is almost totally destroyed. We also have a summer house in Irpin, but we most likely will not have a chance to go there any more, as bridges are blown and everything is ruined there.

“My parents are now in Kyiv as we had no chance to take them with us. I am really worried about them and the future of our country in general. We've left everything behind - our family, friends, school, apartment etc. I am not willing to run away to Europe because I love my country and my whole life is here. My husband says that the life I love and remember is destroyed and gone forever. But I really cannot accept that. I am waiting till this terror is over and hope to go back home someday soon. Thank you for your prayers! Please continue praying for us”



Natasha and Husband



Natasha and daughter



Lena our worship Ldr.



Lena and Lydia, raising funds for armor

Lena and Family -- Lena Kolomiets was our worship leader in the first church, and a member of our praise team in the second church we pastored in Ukraine. She is a concert-trained violinist now living in America with her family. Kostya and Lydia were just teen-agers when they attended, but now are grown adults. Today they are trying to raise thousands of dollars to provide armor vests, helmets, and medical kits to local and regional volunteer soldiers and drivers. They were recently featured on a TV news report in California. Please take time to watch it at . . . <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QREf0U4ATZ4>. Contact information is available.

So Many More: -- We don't know where to draw the line! There are so many other friends and ministries that mean the world to us. But, we just can't keep going telling a little something personal about them all. So, the best we can do is list their names and ask you to pray for them also, as you pray for those we have written about. If there is a website or some link that will give you more info, we will list it with their names. So, . . . We ask you to pray especially for the following to whom we are inextricably linked:

- + Natalia Bugay & her mother are in Warsaw. Her mother is hospitalized with Alzheimer's being treated.
- + Charles & Iryna Bell, currently in Kosice, Slovakia. The campus of Kyiv Christian Academy is still intact.
- + Sergey and Tanya Rakhuba, who recently lost their ministry building and thousands of Bibles in Ukraine.
- + Timur Atabekov & Sergey Lyakhov and their families living and ministering in Russia.
- + Nikolay Karpan and family, currently somewhere around L'viv.
- + Galena Bondar & her two married daughters Barbara and Anna,
- + Oleks Kravets & his family in Dominican Republic and his parents in Ukraine.
- + Margarita Arbelay and children, who helped lead the Spanish Church in Kyiv.
- + Tom Bentz and Bridges of Hope, a ministry of respite and adoption bringing children to the U.S.
- + Audra and Oleg Vrzheschch, with Campus Crusade, in and out of Ukraine working with large staff.
- + Dan and Wendy Upchurch, with Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary in L'viv.

The list is endless. For every person we have named, there are a dozen others we didn't remember. Almost all of these people live in one of the most dangerous areas of Ukraine.

SENDING FUNDS TO:

Long before Putin's invasion into Ukraine, we had scheduled a "Music Sunday" at Chapel de Oro in Yuma where we did nothing but music and observe Communion. Just before services began, several members of the Ministry Leadership Team came to Bob suggesting that all of the offering of the day be sent to Ukraine. Others privately asked if they could give through Life Unlimited Ministries. Between the two, we ended up with more than \$5,000. Immediately we began sending money to some of the people listed below. Since then, we've received \$7,000 more and are currently disbursing it according to the needs of these people and others. Incidentally, Bob video-taped the entire "Music Sunday" service. So if you'd like to join in with Donna at piano, Carolyn on fiddle, LeRoy on bass and banjo, Diane on early vocal, and Michael on vocal and guitar, then click on this link -- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dv_Ft_9g1MjmeOwR3Q1qOtOrtC0-BphZ/view. You can either watch it live or download it onto your computer. Even though our Gene (vocal, guitar, and banjo) had already left for the season, it was an awesome experience as Chapel de Oro worshiped the Lord not only for ourselves, but for the brothers and sisters in Ukraine. (Not sure why the video is "fuzzy".)

In the meantime, here are the specific people to whom we have already sent support.

- + "M" -- \$1,000 for beds for children and fuel for drivers at risk.
- + "M" -- \$1,000 for housing 200 refugees in L'viv.
- + Joel and Ira -- \$3,000 for supplies, fuel, and armor ministered thru churches.
- + Valya and husband -- \$500 for food (hiding at their dacha).
- + Pasha (Pavlo) Skumin -- \$1,000 for families in villages where 5,000 houses are damaged/destroyed.
- + Masha Kolos -- \$250 for medicines for children waiting heart transplants.

There are many other needs for which we are in the process of helping. Today we will send money to at least two more needs we just learned about this morning:

- + \$1,000 to The church in L'viv housing and feeding the 200 refugees that we helped earlier under "M" has to replace oven and upgrade their electric power cable because the city is having to upgrade their transformers due to the usage increase caused by all the tens of thousands of refugees flooding into the area.
- + \$250 to a very poor family of five has three children that were sent to L'viv to be safe, but the host family needs the parents living near Kyiv to take them back. We are paying for the train tickets for the parents to go get them and bring them back home. One of the children is waiting for a kidney transplant. Our friend, Masha (pictured above), is taking care of the details.

To give you an idea of some of the things we are helping with, “M” send us some links to how he has used the money to meet practical needs that would otherwise not be met. These links are of two vans that have been used to provide supplies to the Bucha and Irpin areas so devastated by Russian bombardment of the towns. Both vans needed repairing due to excessive use and damage. Hopefully you can open the links.

https://www.facebook.com/messenger_media?thread_id=1749430534&attachment_id=294554776054111&message_id=mid.%24cAAAAAEAgSQiGkyPscGAYd6R_BhLG

https://www.facebook.com/messenger_media?thread_id=1749430534&attachment_id=1067509673839916&message_id=mid.%24cAAAAAEAgSQiGkyUJ6GAYd-wocxx5

https://www.facebook.com/messenger_media?thread_id=1749430534&attachment_id=721962405645970&message_id=mid.%24cAAAAAEAgSQiGkyVlKmAyEAVgNRj3

The plastic bags and lumber were used to cover windows and doors in order to help heat and protect apartments still able to be occupied. Copy and paste if the links don't work.

PRESSING ON FOR THE LONG HAUL:

We will continue meeting needs such as these as long as the Lord provides the funds. We are in this “for the long haul”. **We would like to invite you to help us with this ongoing long-term project.** There are literally millions who are suffering and have lost everything. We have chosen to send our resources where others may not – to people we personally know who are trying to help those who have “fallen through the cracks” by larger and more massive ministries. Gifts to us so far have ranged from \$10 to \$1,000 in size. None is too small, and certainly none is too large. We currently have \$3,300 left on hand after today's disbursements, but already designated for sending on in the next few days. We need all the participation we can get.

If you feel God prompting you to help, we will praise Him and thank you from the depths of our hearts. We hope He does. There are so many needs and so much heartache and suffering. Simply make checks out to Life Unlimited Ministries and **put “Ukraine Mission” on the memo line.** Then send it to . . .

Life Unlimited Ministries
Post Office Box 25118
Yuma, AZ 85367

FINALLY:

If you have not had a chance yet, we would encourage you to watch the special Easter message that Franklin Graham shared with the world over Easter. Speaking from L'viv, Ukraine, where many of our friends live/d or passed through on the way to other countries, it is an encouraging 30 minutes that speaks to the hope we have in spite of this devastation, gives you a glimpse of life today in Ukraine, and gives you a taste of the amazing musical talent of the Ukrainian people. You can find the video on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAyTze_A7X4&t=78s .

To send you off with a flavor of Ukrainian optimism and music, we are including a couple links to an old Ukrainian folk song from 1914 that has gained national popularity throughout Ukraine. The first link takes you to a young woman singing the song with English subtitles. The second is an occasion when a busload of refugee women and children extemporaneously began singing it. You will enjoy both.

- > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZztmQsSAqfo>
- > <https://www.facebook.com/KulebaMykola/videos/685525452673459>

In His Bond, By His grace, and for His Kingdom,
Bob and Jo Ann (the Tollivers)
Life Unlimited Ministries, LUMglobal

P.S. We will send a general ministry update in a few days to bring you up to speed on what we are doing stateside in ministry. In the meantime, we have concluded our ministry at Chapel de Oro in Yuma for the season and are making preparation to go to Greer the latter part of May to begin the Summer season for Greer Chapel. We're also still trying to settle in at our new home base in Yuma while, at the same time, help daughter Cheri and husband Bob get comfortable in their new home right next door to us. Temperatures are already pushing triple digits, so we're getting a little anxious to get to the mountains in Greer.

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