

The Lohman Family Missions to Ukraine



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Ministries:

- Helping Bible Baptist Church of Kyiv (2.5 million souls in capital city, 4 million pre-war)
- Sending KJV Ukrainian and Russian Bibles and Bible-believing literature
- Church Planting & Soul Winning
- 31 million souls in Ukraine, 10 million abroad. 77% Orthodox, 10% Protestant, 10% Atheist, 3% Other



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Dear Praying Friends and Family,

•Thank you for praying for us this month while we were in Ukraine. We have been overwhelmed by the Lord's goodness and protection all along the way. He watched over us while in the air, on the road, and kept us from going off the literal and proverbial "rails!" He watched over our families in America throughout the whole month. Philip enjoyed going to Vacation Bible School and learning new verses. James was enthusiastic as well, although they didn't have a class for "almost" 3 year olds! We're thankful for the Lord watching over them while we were gone. During our time there, we got to help a national pastor, see some of our friends and family, and got to see 5 people get saved. Lord willing, this new small congregation, with Boris as the pastor, will be a place that we can stop in to minister on future trips, a stopping-point before going to other areas around the country.

•The group of Bible students that came with us the first week were a blessing and an encouragement. They were a big help with preparing tracts and invitations and were a great asset talking to people on the street. After they went back to the States, we focused on helping Boris with practical aspects of the ministry and helping him get set up to continue services after our departure. Two young pastors traveled from Dnipro, and spent time with us during the second and fourth week of our trip. They were a big help as well, and as Ukrainian pastors, got to encourage Boris in his church-planting endeavor. We celebrated the birthday of one of the pastors, Nikita, but we request prayer for him, as his next birthday will mean he is eligible for the draft. Boris found a small room to rent for services that could fit around 25 people, and is all set up with tracts, hymn books, John/Romans, and New Testaments for visitors. My father-in-law got to lead a relative of Boris' to the Lord, a former Seventh-Day Adventist who has been enthusiastic about the new church and inviting people out. She works at the psychiatric hospital, and deals with many war veterans and refugees coming from Eastern Ukraine.

•We got to travel back to Kyiv to see our home and church building. It was emotional to see our life as it was 3 years ago, like it was frozen in time. Being there allowed us to assess the church building and take care of some practical things like documents and renewing paperwork. We will need to raise funds in the coming days for a new roof on the church. Back before the war, I had to go up into the attic to make sure our boxes of literature were dry, check for leaks, and fasten some of the loose tiles. The cost of the new roof totals around \$8000.

•The Lord kept us safe during the month, while Russia was striking Ukraine with some of the biggest attacks of the war. Just prior to our trip to Kyiv, and just after, it was hit with some of the most extensive drone strikes so far. Helicopters were flying to the lake near the church to get water to fight the fires in apartment buildings. Our area was still unscathed, but you could hear the anti-aircraft working to shoot down the drones about 25 minutes away. Russia's progress in the East during this summer offensive has been slow, but they have concentrated a lot of time and resources to fire on some major cities in the East, and keep cities in Central and Western Ukraine in constant agitation due to air raid sirens and warnings. The smaller towns and villages, even those relatively close to the front lines, still have many people continuing with life as usual, but always dealing with the threats of drones or intercepted missiles, and the steady stream of funerals. The majority of Ukrainians would be prepared to give up territory if Russia would stop the war, but Russia has made it clear that they don't intend to compromise or give up, and likely won't until they are stopped.

•We received 10,000 Russian Bibles from the printers, and will work with some friends of ours to get them stored for future shipments. Next in line are Ukrainian John/Romans.

•Thank you again for praying for us over the past couple months, and for praying for our trip to Ukraine. May the Lord bless you all! Love in Christ, David, Naomi, Philip, and James Lohman

*Чекаючи тої благословенної надії, і славного явлення великого Бога і нашого Спасителя Ісуса Христа;
Čekajući toi blahoslovennoi nadii, i slavnoho javlennia velykoho Boha i našoho Spasytelia Isusa Khrysta;*

Titus 2:13 (Ukrainian)