



# AMANDA & MAX FETISOV

## Serving the people of Ukraine

*We love because he first loved us.  
1 John 4:19*

My day on March 12th began with a wedding. A young couple from our church got married in a small but very sweet ceremony where the joy was palpable. My day ended, however, with a heavy heart as I stood at the foot of a destroyed apartment building making hot tea for those who had just lost their homes to a rocket attack. The one constant in these two opposite life experiences is that I was not alone. Max and our church family were with me at the wedding. We smiled and laughed together as we celebrated the creation of a new family. Later, some of those same people were with me, worshipping at the church when we heard the explosions, after which we quickly worked as a team to gather supplies and head to the place of the attack.

We stood together for several hours, making tea and giving blankets to residents and first responders who were all cold and in shock.

But more importantly, we weren't alone because God was with us, both in our time of joy and sorrow. His love gave us the desire and strength to support one another and those who don't know Him at all. We continue to pray for all the families who were affected by this horror and for God to turn what the enemy meant for evil into something good.



*This 9-story apartment building was completely destroyed in the rocket attack.*

### *Overcoming Adversity*



One of those serving with us the night of the attack was Kolya. Kolya has been living in our transitional center for two years now. His story begins much like that of many of the other orphans we work with. His parents struggled with substance abuse, and so Kolya was raised for some time by his grandfather. He remembers occasionally attending church with his grandpa, the same church Max attended years ago. Unfortunately, Kolya's grandpa also passed away, and with no other relative to take him, Kolya was placed in the orphanage. When the war began, his orphanage evacuated to Turkey. He was there for almost a year before he aged out and had to return to Ukraine to finish his studies.

It was then he moved into True Hope Center. Knowing his parents' struggles, Kolya is determined to live a different life, and we are watching him mature into a responsible young man who wants to learn from the lives of others.

Kolya has now joined our True Hope staff. He is in charge of our food distribution to refugees. It's a big responsibility, but he enjoys the challenge and is doing well. We are grateful to play a part in helping him grow.

### *Prayer Request Update*

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March 20th the judge will begin hearing all evidence and witnesses in Max's trial. Depending on how far apart they set the court dates, this could take several months. So far, things seem to be going fairly. We can't express our gratitude for your continued prayers for this situation!