



AMANDA & MAX FETISOV

Serving the people of Ukraine

Max and I recently came to the United States for a short trip. I hadn't been home in more than a year—the longest I've ever been away—and even though this visit is brief, it has been refreshing.

I spent a little time in Texas with my family. It was such a simple joy to sit outside in warm 80-degree weather, run to the store without rushing in case a siren might go off, and go to bed without the sound of drones being shot down overhead. When you live in the middle of conflict, you get used to these things, but stepping away for a moment reminds you how unusual that reality really is.

I'm thankful for the rest. At the same time, even while enjoying the quiet, my phone still lights up with warning messages—alerts that dozens of drones are headed toward my city in Ukraine. My heart is constantly pulled between the peace around me here and the people we love there.

Please continue to pray for Ukraine, for the civilians who are caught in the middle of this war. Also pray for those in the middle of the conflict with Iran. The situations are different, and many people are hopeful for positive outcomes, but war is always far more complicated than what we see in the news. It is messy and leaves deep physical, economic, social, and psychological damage.

Pray for peace. But also pray for the individuals living through these difficult circumstances—that even in the middle of chaos, the Gospel would spread and the life of God would reach hearts.

A Blessing During Blackouts

Thank you so much for praying about the electricity situation in Ukraine. Recently things have improved, and we've even had some days without blackouts.

On top of that, we were blessed with a donation of power stations. We are distributing them to families with many children, and this will make a tremendous difference in their daily lives.

As the weather gets warmer, refrigerators become essential again. During the winter, many families could store food on their balcony because it was cold enough outside. But imagine a household with five children trying to live without a refrigerator during the warmer months. Parents have to shop every single day and only keep what can be eaten immediately.



These generators allow families to keep their refrigerators running and bring a small sense of stability to their homes. It's a practical gift that relieves a lot of pressure and extra work for already stressed families. We are grateful to be able to help and hope to provide even more of them in the future.

Prayer for Wisdom and Protection

While the country continues to face war externally, there are also challenges from within.

In our region, certain individuals are unhappy with the influence we have been given in helping reform parts of the social services system. Because of this, they have used their connections to target us in the local press.

Over the past year several stories have been published about us that contain speculation and outright false claims.

At first we assumed it would pass, but the scrutiny has continued. They monitor our work closely and often twist the truth. We are not particularly concerned about our own reputations, but we do care deeply about the reputation of the organization and church we represent. For that reason, we have chosen not to respond publicly. Engaging in a public back-and-forth would likely only create more noise and conflict.

Instead, we are quietly pursuing legal avenues to stop the misinformation.

Please pray that God's plans would continue to move forward despite these pressures. Pray that the work being done to improve care for the most vulnerable people in our community would not be hindered, and that truth and integrity would prevail.

Update on Our Foster Daughter

Thank you for continuing to pray for the little girl we were fostering. Right now she is still living with her mother. However, there are ongoing concerns about neglect, so social services continues to monitor the situation closely and is possibly moving forward with the process of removing the mother's parental rights.

Situations like this are never simple. There are many factors involved, and decisions carry lifelong consequences. We are trusting that God sees this child's future clearly and cares about her even more than we do.

Please pray that the right decisions will be made and that she will ultimately be placed in the safest and healthiest environment possible.

We are deeply grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and support. Even during this short time in the United States, we are constantly reminded that none of this work happens alone. There is a whole community of people standing with us and believing for God's purposes in Ukraine.

