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Dear Family and Friends,

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Happy Resurrection Day! Happy Easter! The most important holiday to celebrate every year is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, because that is the foundation of our faith! Jesus defeated death, the grave, and sin when He died on our behalf and rose again to life. Without His sacrifice we would be hopeless, but in Him we have new life! It is truly a reason to celebrate and give thanks every day! The Shcherbyna family celebrated our first Easter here in America and we enjoyed sharing the day with our family.

“And He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.” 2 Corinthians 5:15



Wisconsin: At this time, we now know we will definitely be in Wisconsin for the next year. Following the Lord as His disciples doesn't always go how we plan or expect, but we are glad to be here where it is safe from the constant missile and drone strikes, plus we have heat, power, and water. We are still supporting and encouraging our Ukrainian team and church from here. Artem and I are finally starting to feel more adjusted to life in the USA. We are confident that God's plans for us are good, we are following after Him, and we are open to where He leads us. We have enjoyed seeing so many people since being here, we are so thankful for each and every one of you!

Pray for Ukraine: After being here for almost two months, we have noticed how most people are not informed about the war or current situation in Ukraine. The reality is that the situation in Ukraine has become very dark. The front lines continue to slowly draw closer to our home city of Kryvyi Rih. The attacks are intensifying. During one of our recent phone calls with Artem's mom, all we could hear were drones flying in the background. There is the pressure of war and then there is also the fear that looms over the country as men are being taken from the streets and forced to fight. There is a lot of stress, a lot of hopelessness, and a lot of darkness. I can't imagine how anyone in Ukraine could make it without Jesus in their life! But even for our brothers and sisters in Christ, it is a very hard time. People are worn out, they are tired, and they have been living under years of stress. But our Church of Truth is doing amazing! They are reaching people with the Gospel, even when they are tired and under so much pressure. Our team also continues to reach the refugees, youth, children and ladies at Greenfield. But they are tired and need prayer. I'm asking you to join Artem and I in a special week of prayer- especially for our Christian family in Ukraine - they need the encouragement. Please see the prayer guide on the back and join with us in praying for Ukraine and the believers in our nation.



Prayer Guide: May 8th-May 15th We will begin our prayer week on May 8th and 9th, as that is when Europe celebrates "Victory in Europe" day from WWII, an appropriate time to pray for breakthrough. Please pray for all Christian believers in Ukraine, and specifically for our Church - Church of Truth and our True Hope team.

May 8th - Pray for peace. *"Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."* Ukrainian believers need to fight to stay in the peace of God every day. Many are tired and worn down. They need to be lifted up so that they can enter again into the supernatural peace of the Father. Pray for Christians to maintain a heart that is filled with peace.

May 9th - Pray for victory over darkness. *John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* Pray that the light shines brightly in Ukraine, in Ukrainian churches, and in the lives of believers. The darkness is so thick, the news is constantly full of tragedy and destruction, but we know Jesus is greater! Pray that the power of the Holy Spirit breaks off any hold of darkness on our Christian brothers and sisters lives, so that they are free in their hearts to keep shining the light of Jesus to those who are trapped in darkness.

May 10th - Pray for the Lord to be the Good Shepherd for Ukrainian believers. *Psalms 23:1 "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."* He takes good care of His sheep and all we need is found in His arms. Pray for Ukrainian believers to truly find all they need in the arms of the Good Shepherd!

May 11th - Pray for restoration. *Psalms 23:2-3 "He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in paths of righteousness for His Name's sake."* Pray for Ukrainian Christians to feel restored in their souls and find rest. Pray that they will also see the Lord's guidance for them during these difficult times. Pray that they know they have not been forgotten or abandoned.

May 12th - Pray for the power of fear to be broken. *Psalms 23:4 "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."* Pray that our brothers and sisters in Christ will not be tormented by any fears. That all power of fear will be broken and that even in the darkest of times they will find true comfort and peace.

May 13th - Pray that prayer continues for our enemies and that Ukrainians remain in an attitude of thanksgiving. *"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows."* It becomes increasingly more difficult for many believers to pray for their enemies, but with God's help, they can pray even for them. Pray that believer's focus be on their "overflowing cup" and that they give thanks for their salvation and all the blessings of the Lord.

May 14th - Pray for encouragement. *Psalms 23:6 "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."* Amen! Pray that believers in Ukraine do not forget this promise - SURELY goodness will follow me! Surely I will be with the Lord forever. Pray they do not forget that we have a bright future ahead, that their hearts will grasp this truth, and never let it go!

May 15th - Pray for Church of Truth, True Hope, Pastors Max and Amanda Fetisov, and our team. Pray that God truly encourages, restores, and brings fresh faith and hope to them. That they will be renewed in their hearts, minds, and spirits! That they will see more and more testimonies of God's faithfulness. Pray also for their protection, safety, health, provision, and wisdom.

We are here in Wisconsin, and our hearts are here and with those back home in Ukraine. Artem is hard at work learning English and he's doing a fantastic job. It is not an easy language to learn. Samuel is almost seven months old and soon will have six teeth! He is on the verge of crawling and I'm amazed to watch how fast he grows and learns all the time. He is our joy and he keeps us on our toes. I have been working on making our house (my grandparent's old house) into a home, meeting with people, and soon I will be preaching at various churches in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Please pray for our family as well during this time. *Especially pray for a quick resolution of all our documents that need to be accomplished here in the USA! Thank you!*

Thank you so much for standing with Ukraine, for supporting our family, and for being such an encouragement to us! We are so thankful for you! We are so thrilled that many can finally meet Artem and Samuel in person! Our prayer for you is that you see God's never-ending faithfulness at work in your life and family!

**May God Bless you,
Your missionaries to Ukraine,**

Amie & Leann