



# UKRAINE



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**“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**

Dear Family and Friends,

Hello from Budapest, Hungary! Surprise! Artem, Samuel, and I are currently in Budapest and slowly making our way to the USA. Praise the Lord! Thank you for praying for us! It has been quite a journey, but we are getting closer to the USA and finally seeing everyone in person! We can't wait! We have waited for this for such a long time!

Happy New Year! May the presence of the Lord be evident in your life during the year ahead! May you have the assurance that He is always with you, wherever you are and that He holds you by the hand. And may 2026 be filled with God's glory!

**Pray for Kryvyi Rih & Ukraine:** Things are very difficult right now in Kryvyi Rih. There are attacks every day by either drone or missile strikes. The attacks on the energy infrastructure has been quite damaging. The power outage schedule is extreme! Most homes only have two to three hours of power during the day, and again two to three hours in the middle of the night. Some homes have had no power for several days at a time. Which for some also means no water and some have no heat. It is an incredibly difficult time! Pray for our city, for the churches, for believers. It is so hard to live in these circumstances during the winter. For families with children it is beyond difficult. Pray for there to be a breakthrough and for Jesus to bring comfort and peace during this literal dark time!

**Christmas & New Years:** We celebrated Samuel's first Christmas here in Kryvyi Rih with his Babushka as well as our church friends, who are like family to us! We had a really wonderful time. On New Years we prayed in the New Year and Samuel slept right through it of course!

**Christmas Celebrations:** During the holidays I had several opportunities to visit the Greenfield ladies with our team. We had a Christmas celebration where we taught about the real reason for Christmas - the birth of Jesus Christ. Of course we brought gifts to each of the ladies as well. Our Church held a fabulous Children's Christmas Celebration where there were about 130 children in attendance. It was a fun time with a very well done program that the kids loved and of course everyone received a gift as well! Our team also visited all the children's homes and dorms and celebrated Christmas with them as well.

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The Shcherbyna's in Budapest!



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*Christmas with the Greenfield Ladies*



*Children's Christmas Celebration*

**Monday Prayer:** The Lord put it on my heart to call our church body to pray. Since it's hard for people to gather together early in the morning, and especially for me with Samuel, we decided to make it an online zoom prayer every Monday morning. There is a good group of people that join us to seek the Lord together. There is an urgency in my heart that we not forget our first love and stay focused on Jesus! Living in four years of war makes it apparent that we all need to fight to stay at peace and in His presence, as it is so easy to be taken down by the situation that constantly surrounds us. The good thing, since it is prayer on zoom, I will still be involved even when I get to the USA.

### **Prayers Points for 2026**

- Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine, for the protection of innocent lives, and for peace!
- Pray for Ukrainians to find salvation and peace in Jesus Christ!
- Pray that the energy systems be restored and that the heat stays on! Pray for Ukrainians as they try to live in this very dark time - both physically and spiritually.
- Pray that Christians and Churches be encouraged! Pray that spiritual heaviness, weariness, and frustration be broken off of believers. Pray that the Holy Spirit brings them supernatural peace, joy, love, and comfort.
- Pray for Pastor Maxim and Amanda Fetisov during this difficult season. Pray that Jesus brings them peace and encouragement. Pray that the Lord brings about a resolution through the courts for the little girl that has been in their care. Pray that she is first priority and that the judge truly cares about what is best for her.
- Pray for our True Hope and Church of Truth teams. That they be encouraged, strengthened, for healing, wisdom, protection, safety, peace, and comfort!
- Pray for our family - for God's protection, safety, encouragement, refreshing, wisdom, and peace!

**Samuel is four months old already!** He has changed so much! He is so active now and babbles all the time. He loves it when we sing with him. Sam even has two teeth coming in! He is our joy!

**Thank you for being partners with us and part of our lives! We could not be reaching people in Ukraine apart from your help! Lives are being reached with the Gospel! We are so thankful for you and pray that the Lord abundantly bless you! May you see His goodness at work in your lives every day!**

**God Bless You,  
Your Missionaries to Ukraine,**

*Amen & Jeann*

