



AMANDA & MAX FETISOV

Serving the people of Ukraine

Reasons to Celebrate



Amidst the challenges we've been facing, God has given us many reasons to celebrate. My very good friend and fellow missionary, Leann, recently got married. We have served together in Ukraine for 19 years and were roommates until Max and I married seven years ago. What's funny is that we were both adamant that we would never marry Ukrainians. Ha! Now we both are. Leann met her husband, Artyem, at our church a few years ago. He loves the Lord and is as passionate about evangelism as Leann is. We're so excited to see what God will do in their lives.

Joy of New Life

While the world celebrated Easter weeks ago, Ukraine and other Orthodox nations marked the occasion on May 5th. This year, we tried something new - a children's Easter Celebration. We arranged for over 100 kids from small villages around our city to join us for the event. It was an incredible experience for them and the village pastors who accompanied them. We sang, danced, and delved into the true meaning of Easter. Afterward, we all enjoyed a mini-festival with games in the park on our property. Some of the children said it was a day they'll never forget. Events like these, where we can bless others and share God's love, are made possible by your support. We're deeply grateful for all that you give.



Update and Prayer Requests

There have been quite a few unsettling developments concerning the war these last few weeks. Due to our lack of ammunition and manpower, Russia has been able to make advances. At the time I'm writing, they've now taken over villages in the northeast that Ukraine had previously reclaimed after the start of the war. While their advances aren't yet significant, they seem to be moving forward. Our city hasn't been directly affected, but it could be potentially as more weapons and soldiers are being sent to the north to fortify those areas.

More families are also facing new fears as Ukraine pushes to mobilize more men. At the beginning of the war, they only accepted volunteers, mainly those with military experience. That has all changed as Russian soldiers greatly outnumber ours. Unfortunately, men aren't as willing to volunteer now because of mistakes made at the beginning of the war and the consistent lack of support and ammunition. In effect, the Ukrainian government has begun using harsher measures to enforce conscription, like putting up check posts and blocking bank accounts. It seems like Ukraine is stuck in a lose-lose situation. The majority of this nation does not want to belong to Russia. That has been a consensus for years now. But, at the same time, many don't want to walk into what looks like a losing battle, not knowing who will care for their wives and children who will be left behind. So, while I know you have consistently prayed for us for over two years, I ask you to pray even more so now. Pray for:

- God's will to be done and His glory to be seen amid all this chaos that man has produced
- Ukraine's leaders to have wisdom and act righteously
- Miraculous Protection
- Wisdom for us and all church leaders as we help others navigate these times.