



the *Holmes* family

serving the Lord in the country of

UKRAINE



Dear Prayer Partners:

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“*Better late than never*”, that’s what they say; however I still feel bad for not getting an update out before the end of the year. I pray that this letter finds you all doing well and faithfully serving our King. We are very thankful for the ability to serve the Lord in the capacity and area that He has allowed. We are also very thankful for the faithful support that we receive from you that allows us to continue serving the Lord here!

As always, much has happened since the last prayer letter. One new interesting development is in a prison a few hours away. One of the families (wife and two adult children) in our village ministry has an unsaved husband that went to prison a little over a year ago. In the prison there is a small group of men 10-15 who gather every day for Bible study. This husband, Sergey, has been faithfully attending the Bible studies on a daily basis for about a year or so. Unfortunately, this Bible study is supported by an Armenian (you can lose your salvation) Ukrainian Baptist church, as well as some Pentecostal ministries and even charismatics as well. As a result of this, those in this group are very messed up and confused doctrinally. Ira, the wife of Sergey started sending the men books from our Bible institute and audio sermons that I have preached. These men have “gobbled up this information” and desire more. They even want me to start coming and teaching them personally. They have been spreading my sermons around **and have even had an unsaved family member (who was hostile to the Gospel) make a profession because of the preaching!** She wanted to hear what that “American” had to say! One man who made a profession of faith a few months ago has been on fire for the Lord and is going through our discipleship materials wants to move to our village after he gets out to serve the Lord with us. I write all of that to say this: **please pray for this group of men in the prison in the city of Korosten, Ukraine, who we have been given the opportunity to minister to, that God would save them and direct them to His truth!**

As you are probably aware, the coronavirus and the situation with Russia are very “hot topics” right now in Ukraine. The situation with coronavirus has calmed down a little bit, but now “Omicron” is hitting Ukraine and they are talking about shutting everything down again. This has really hurt our ability to evangelize as we would like. We are going to try out new ways to reach people with the Gospel here in our area that won’t be hindered by corona-restrictions. **Please be in prayer for that!**

As for the very real possibility in the very near future of Russia attacking Ukraine, we are just taking things one “step at a time”. We don’t know what tomorrow holds, *but we know Who holds tomorrow!* We are trusting in Him that He is working out His plan in the world right now. We are not promised to be “carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize and sail through bloody seas”, but we are promised that all things will work out for good (not always our definition of “good”) to those who love God. We are trusting in Him that even if we see Russian aggression (we live on the north side of Kiev, in between the capital and the Russian forces, piling up on the Belorussian border) God will be glorified through us. **We ask that you not pray that God would hold the Russian forces from attacking Ukraine, but that He would be honored and glorified through us during this time!** Our God is faithful, and we are confident in Him! All this being said, we do have our paperwork ready. We recently received Kaleb’s passport and certificate of birth abroad, and will seek the Lord in what He wants us to do in the case of Russia attacking Kiev.

Our family is growing. The kids are really maturing and getting big. *It is really neat and a great privilege to see them serve the Lord alongside of us.* We really thank the Lord for entrusting us with them! God is good! Thank you for reading this update and for caring about our church’s ministry here in Ukraine!

By His Grace and for His Glory!

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