



the *Holmes* family
 serving the Lord in the country of
UKRAINE



Dear Prayer Partners:

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I hope that this letter finds all doing well and faithfully serving Him where He has put them. We are thankful that we are back in the states during this tumultuous time. I am thankful that my family is safe. However, at the same time we are really missing being and ministering in Ukraine, and pray that God allows us to get back soon.

In the mean time, we are enjoying being in Muskogee for most of the week, being with our church, and the kids are getting caught up on “grandparent time”. Since we have been back, we have been able to update 11 churches. We cannot express what an encouragement these churches have been to us. Because of them we are “full and lacking in nothing”. What a blessing it has been to see our supporting churches again, and get caught up with many old friends! If your church would like to have us in, please let me know, we will schedule a time for us to come by, with the understanding of, if things open back up in Ukraine, our meeting may be cancelled because of that. We have a lot of Wednesdays open now.

We have been able to hear back from many of our people in the villages. Most of them have been able to evacuate and are now located in safe areas in western Ukraine, or the surrounding European countries. Please continue to pray for those who are still in the area. We have heard many “horror stories” of what is going on in these Russian controlled areas. Most of our people in Kiev have also evacuated to safer areas, however those that have stayed behind are faithfully serving and reaching out to those in need, and for that we are very thankful.

Vova has a confectionary and has turned it into a bakery. We have some women from the mission work that go there every day and make bread. We are taking that fresh, homemade bread and passing it out with Gospel literature. Many are eagerly taking the bread because there is very little bread in Kiev, and many don’t have any money after over a month of not having any income.

Vasya was able to evacuate recently out of his Russian occupied area and is now hoping to start a gypsy outreach in a gypsy colony in western Ukraine. We have one of our families there as well who is wanting to help him in that.

Dima K. has a mini-bus and has made many daring trips over the past few weeks to a nearby village to Zhmievka, where our village ministry meets, and picks up those who evacuate the village by travelling 5 miles through the forest, under the cover of night, to get out of Zhmievka, where there is no food, and the Russian soldiers are terrorizing the locals. Our **Ira** and her family is staying put in the village despite all of this. She is taking care of others in need, especially a couple of older women who are bed-ridden.

Dima G. is currently in western Ukraine helping out with an outreach to Ukrainian soldiers.

Dima S. drives to a nearby village every day to pick up fresh bread and soup and then delivers it to several bomb shelters around the church. God has given him the opportunity to preach the Gospel to many because of this. He also organizes an outreach at our building every Saturday. The group gets together in the morning, purchases the food, gets together the bags of food, puts in the bags Gospel literature, then opens up the church so that people can come in to get the help that they need, and also this gives us the opportunity to minister to many spiritually, as well. Some people start lining up outside of our building up to 6 hours before we open the doors! **Tamila** is taking bags of food, as well as adult diapers to those frail shut-ins, who are alone and cannot take care of themselves. Unfortunately, there are many in our area who were deserted by their families and need this help. The money that churches have sent to our church for humanitarian aid is going to fund these outreaches.

Our Sunday services in Kiev are well attended even though only a “skeleton crew” has stayed put in the city. **Slava** has taken over the services and everything is going well. We had almost 30 adults in attendance, as well as several children. Most of these people are completely new. Our people send me pictures, and I have no idea who most of these people are. They are coming because of the outreaches. Last Sunday there was a group of people, about 10, who had never been to a Baptist church service, who stayed after the service for 2 hours to ask questions about our church, why we are not a cult, they asked questions about the Bible and salvation. While our hearts are saddened at what is going on in Ukraine, we are excited to see our people stepping up and serving as they are! Please continue to pray for Ukraine, for these needs, and for the Gospel as it goes out through our heroic people who are serving in this difficult time! *Until next time!*

By His Grace and for His Glory!
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- City and Village Ministries
- Regular Evangelism and Outreaches
- Spiritual Growth of New Converts
- God’s Wisdom in Making Decisions

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