



the *Holmes* family

serving the Lord in the country of

UKRAINE



Dear Prayer Partners,

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We have really enjoyed the 9 1/2 years that we have been missionaries. We have enjoyed building relationships with each one of you, our faithful supporting churches. There are souls in Russia and Ukraine that have been saved through our partnership in the ministry! There are 2 mission works in Ukraine that are still going forward! I believe that God was honored and glorified and we are anticipating many more victories in the future through our continued efforts in Ukraine.

First of all, I want to thank each one of our supporting churches and pastors for your great faithfulness in supporting our mission's endeavors in Ukraine. **This letter is written to announce that we are stepping down as full-time supported missionaries to Ukraine.**

Secondly, please understand that **this is not the end of our church's efforts to evangelize and start churches in Ukraine.** We are not kicking these Ukrainians "to the curb". I will continue my mentoring relationships with our men. We will continue to correspond and seek to edify these believers. We hope to make intermittent trips to Ukraine, as the Lord allows. *These people have a special place in our hearts!*

Thirdly, I will be, until God directs otherwise, working on staff at our church, Liberty Baptist Temple, as the assistant pastor. **One of the exciting things that we have going on right now is that we have a Ukrainian family moving to Muskegee in a week!** You have heard about this family many times in our past updates. Dima and his family (he has a wife, Nadya, a daughter, Sofia, and another daughter to be born in February) will be joining our church and continue their training for the ministry here with us. The goal is to send them back to Ukraine, as the Lord allows, and as the doors open back up for families to return to our place of ministry, the Kyiv region. **Our goal and desire is to send them out as missionaries to continue the work that we were able to start.** *Please pray with us that God will continue to work out all of the details of their move here and the possibility of them being our church sent missionaries.*

Fourthly, I'd like to note the state of the two mission works that we were able to establish. The village work is being headed by Vasya, who is doing a great job, and I believe will continue to do so. The city work is a little bit of a different story. Very soon we will not have only 2 families left from the group that was around when we were in Ukraine. There are also others that have joined them since the start of the war (joining in attendance, not officially, by baptism or letter). However, the men that I have trained are all gone now. Most of our Kyiv group has been displaced because of the war. We are seeking the Lord's will in what to do with those who are left in Kyiv during this time.

Lastly, we will continue to send out updates to keep all of you abreast of what is going on in our church's mission to Ukraine. **We are excited about the future and what God will do through our continued efforts.** Please continue to pray as we seek to evangelize and start churches in Ukraine to the glory of the Lord! Also, in the future, we would like to allow Dima to come and speak to any of your churches. If you have any questions, feel free to call me (918-869-5438) or my pastor (see his attached letter) for further explanation or clarification.

God has given us a love for Ukrainians and Russian-speaking people and I feel that we will always be involved in ministry to them, in some way or another, even though we will not be supported anymore or have the title of "missionary". With heaviness of heart and many tears we made this decision. *However, we are looking forward with great anticipation at what the Lord has in store for us next!* God has been so faithful to us in the past, and I know that He will continue directing us in the future! **I can't tell you how much you have blessed us over the years! God has enriched our lives by our relationship with you! We hope to continue to have and foster good relationships with you as we seek the Lord's will and enter the next chapter in our lives and ministry!**