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Vorobyovy Family in Ukraine



Today is the 54th day of war. I still can't believe that it's in my country, in cities where I used to walk, with people whom I know. I can't even imagine that it's been 54 days and it's not over yet. Today Lviv was hit by 4 missile strikes 1,2 miles from our house, 7 people were killed, 11 are in the hospital.

We are in Lviv, but we are serving people all over Ukraine. People from our church are evacuating people from the east region that is under shooting now, driving all over the country delivering food to cities and villages in need, taking care of the people who are living in our church building, buying and sending urgent medicine, and praying and crying with people. And along with all of that, we are trying to help our own kids and the teenagers with whom we were working with before the war, to live everyday life, to have school online, to cook every-day meals, to spend time in conversation, and to explain what's going on each day and where God is in all of this.



Packing and sending a van to the east of Ukraine - to bring food to those who can't be evacuated and to bring people from those places to safer cities.



Its a blessing to serve with my team - before war those teenagers where serving other teenagers in musical projects, but now they are serving people in Ukraine with packing food and organising warehouse for humanitarian help.



There are places where we can send personal help by postal service - usually the requests are from moms with small kids whose husbands have either been killed or

are serving in the army now. In those villages or cities where they live there is no medicine that they need or special food for kids. We are packing boxes with all of the aid that we can find.



This van actually went to a village where, after it was occupied by russian soldiers, there has been no gas, no electricity, and the bridges and roads are destroyed. So

even after the occupying soldiers retreated from this area there is no way to send big trucks of food to them yet. We packed a van with food that doesn't need to be cooked and sent it along with volunteers.

We are praising God that we are not alone in this pain. We are thankful to each of you who are praying, reaching out, sending messages, and supporting financially and spiritually.

It's hard to say this, but war has made life and ministry even more expensive. We didn't expect that. At the moment we have 64% of our monthly need. If you have on your heart to give one time or monthly donation - please, click on the button below.

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Family Updates

Two days before the war started and there was already a lot of info about russian troops near the Ukrainian border, my daughter asked me: "Mom, do you think a war can really start?" I said: "No, but even if something happened it will only be near the eastern border and we are far away from there". And then she said: "But I'm afraid that they can bomb our city!". And I said: "Oh, no, for sure not, it's impossible in the 21st century that someone would start bombing a city in the middle of Europe. It will never happen, you don't have to be afraid about that!"

Now we have air-raid sirens going off regularly in Lviv when some missiles are flying to or near our city/region. 4 times Lviv has already had missiles get through the air defense systems and hit the city - just today a missile exploded a few miles from our home. It's hard for us as parents to explain everything to our kids. For sure we are doing everything we can to keep them safe, but you can pray for our wisdom and our hearts and their's - to feel God in this time of pain.



Friends are making life of our kids brighter by sending a package of different candies. Happy moment and smiles on kids faces are even more precious now.

Current Prayer Requests

1. Please, pray for the ending of the war and a peaceful, independent Ukraine
2. Pray for my uncle, who is serving in the military protecting our land - for his safety
3. Pray for our team as we are serving refugees, that we will be God's light for them
4. Pray for our strength - 54 days of war has been exhausting and we don't know how long it will last. People who are serving have started more and more to feel sick and overtired.
5. Pray for our kids - they continue to have health problems

JV Prayer Room



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The JV team is committed to prayer. In the Prayer Room, you'll be guided through different elements of prayer and current ministry requests from Josiah Venture missionaries in 14 countries. Pray with us that God does immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. Pray with us for Ukraine here , too.



Thank you for standing with us!

Artem, Nadya, Mark and Sofiya

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