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Missionary to Ukraine



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Dear praying friends,

My home, my heart, and my calling are all in Ukraine, and on February 17th, I was faced with what felt like an impossible decision. Do I follow my heart and desire and stay in Ukraine, despite the pending danger? Or do I submit to my leadership and return to the United States? The single most difficult thing I have ever done was to walk on a plane that would carry me away from my people, my kids, and the country that is my home.

Coming to America, I flew to Washington to be with my dear friends and former missionary partners in Ukraine, Doug and Suzie Stoddard. They understood what I was going through. In fact, back in 2014, together we faced the threat of having to leave Ukraine when Russia invaded and took over Crimea. The Stoddards and I have been through many things over the years together, but nothing like what happened to our beloved Ukraine on February 24th. My heart was broken over having to leave Ukraine the week before, but that day...it shattered my heart. And honestly, I'm not sure it will ever be whole again.

I am thankful that I was with people who understood the difficulty of having to leave my home and my people behind in such circumstances. They could grieve with me and uplift me in ways that others may not know how. In fact, Suzie, knowing how much I was struggling, found a retreat place I could go to for a few days to decompress and sit with what happened. My time at "He Restoreth Ministries" in Oregon was needful and a tremendous blessing.

A couple of weeks ago, I returned to Texas to visit my family. I am currently renting out the WBF mission apartment and working with my sister in her sewing business to help supplement my finances while I am in the States. Last week, I was hacked. They took over my phone, email, PayPal, and bank account. They stole money from me and my mom. We are thankful that the bank was able to return our money after a few days. I was able to get my email and PayPal accounts back, but I'm still sorting out the phone situation. Until I can get the phone situation fixed, if you need to contact me, the WBF mission agency will know how. Thank you in advance for your patience and prayers while I get this situation straightened out.

I am currently looking for a reliable vehicle so that I can safely travel and report to my supporting churches and potentially new churches. If I haven't contacted you yet, and you would like for me to visit your church with an update, please send an email to meshenka1@aol.com.

I am not sure what the future holds, but I do know a couple of things for certain. I know that the people of God are a praying people, and I ask that you would come together in prayer with me. Would you pray for this war in Ukraine to end soon, for God's protection over my kids, my church family, and my friends that are currently still in Ukraine, and for God to continue to sustain me as I can't be where my heart longs to be right now? I also know for certain that my ministry to Ukraine and her people has not ended. For now, I am taking it one day at a time and praying for guidance for my tomorrows. Thank you for your prayers and support for me and for Ukraine.

With a heart for Ukraine,

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