

Meisha Deane
Missionary to Ukraine



Dear Praying Friends,

One year ago today, I had to leave Ukraine because of the impending danger. Exactly one week later the war started. It's hard to believe that a year has passed while at the same time it seems much longer. Today however, I have wonderful news! I'm going home to Ukraine for a short visit. Yes, you read it correctly, I'm going to Ukraine! I am meeting up with my former missionary partner Doug Stoddard and his daughter, Megan, in Poland this coming Monday. From there we will take two train rides to Kyiv. We should arrive in Kyiv next Wednesday February 22nd.

During my time in Ukraine, I will be helping my Ukrainian church, visiting the orphanage and my graduates, and taking care of some business like my car and other things. My car needs some work after sitting for a year. In order to keep it from being confiscated for military use, I had it parked in a village outside the city. Once my car is roadworthy again, I will drive it across the border into Poland. I'll spend a little time visiting friends that live there now before driving back to Ukraine. Please be in prayer for both border crossings. My car has been in Ukraine over the allotted time limit. I will most likely have to pay a fine at the border. I'm praying that they will show some grace because of the current situation. I'm also a little concerned about bringing the car back in. Thank you for praying!

This trip is going to be difficult on so many levels. Please pray for wisdom and strength. Thank you for all your prayers and support especially over this past year. Below is a letter of thanks and a few stories from my pastor in Ukraine.



Pastor Nikolai & wife Tanya

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Friends!

I greet you with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ, peace be upon you!!!

I do not know you personally, but I know your heart, which is not indifferent to our misfortune. By the mercy and grace of God, today you are the “arm of the Lord” for us, which cares and supports. We thank you and our Meisha Deane, who is now serving God and us in America!!!

Our church is in Kyiv, Ukraine. Since the beginning of the war, most of the church members have left for western Ukraine, as well as for European countries. First, there was a small team that served those who remained in the city and could not evacuate: we hid people from shelling, fed them, helped with food, clothing, medicine, accommodation, etc. We also tried to help our military, which was not easy! We tried to preach Jesus Christ to everyone continuously. We held three services a day, to which both believers and non-believers came (several people repented and have already been baptized).

After the enemy was expelled from the borders of our city, many people in need appeared: migrants from the “hot spots of the country” who suffered from shelling and captivity (Bucha, Irpen, Gostomel, Moshchun, Vorzel, Kherson,

Krivoy Rog, Nikolaev ...) ... many of our church members also lost their jobs and lost their livelihoods... So, we began to try to meet the needs of people in these matters: we help with food, medicine, finance for surgeries and housing costs... we also help pay for the funerals of loved ones... and preach, preach, preach ... People are listening!!! When it's hard, painful and scary... people are looking for God... and, Praise the Lord, they are truly finding Him!!!

Everything we do, we do thanks to your help!!!

We know that you are praying for us! Thank you very much, we feel your prayers. They really warm our hearts and give us strength. We see that you love us! Your financial support makes it possible for us to help those who need it the most.

Thank you very much for your diligence! Your work is not in vain before God!!!

With love in Christ,

Pastor Nikolay Rozhnyatovsky and all our wonderful church.

Stories:

1) A woman from Severodonetsk is in the Institute of Neurosurgery in Kyiv... She is 35-40 years old. She received multiple shrapnel wounds...one of which was to the head. She lost an eye. Just the other day she was operated on again... Her name is Victoria. We met her, we visited her in the hospital. We were able to help (thanks to you). She is already reading the New Testament... We prayed together with her ... We hope that God will touch her heart and she will gain salvation through sincere faith in Jesus Christ.

2) Sergei Osadchy is a deacon of our church. Despite the mortal danger, he stayed with his family (wife and daughter) to work in the church and help people. He lost his job and had no livelihood other than your help. He continues to work in the Church. He has already found some work which helps a little.

3) Another woman we have helped is Nadezhda Alekseevna. She is a widow who has cancer and lives on a small pension. Her daughter died. We helped with the funeral (from your help) ... Nadezhda Alekseevna is now raising her young grandson on her own.

4) We bought several freezers for the church (thanks to you) for long-term

storage of food ... We try to help refugees who come to our church ...

Again, and again.... Thank you very much and God bless you!!!

Copyright © 2020 Children's Hope Ukraine, All rights reserved.

Sending Church:

Bible Baptist Church Slaton, Texas

Email address:

meshenka1@aol.com

childrenshopeukraine1@gmail.com

Mailing Address:

World Baptist Fellowship Mission Agency

P. O. Box 13459

Arlington, Texas 76094

Field address:

Dzhona Makkeina 37A #52

Kyiv 01042

Ukraine

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).