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Missionary to Ukraine



Dear Praying Friends,

The war in Ukraine seems to be ramping up in the capital. I wanted to let you know that I am back in the states for a few months. My time in Ukraine was way too short. I wish I could have stayed indefinitely, but that time has not come yet.

It was so good to be there. It's my home.

I was able to see many of my kids. We went to the orphanage where we were welcomed back like long lost family. How the kids have grown up! There are less than seventy children there now. Several have graduated. Others were sent back to their relatives at the beginning of the war. I was able to visit some of the graduates that study in a nearby town. How I've missed them! Some of my older kids that are adults now came to visit me in Kyiv. I love them all dearly.

The most frequently asked questions among them all were, "Are you back for good?" and "When will be our next camp?". They would then begin to reminisce about past camps and fun things we did. We are all longing for what was and hopefully will be again one day.

The reunion with my church family was wonderful too. Getting to spend time with them and their stories of the first few days and months of the war was bittersweet. I was glad to be a fresh ear for stories that hold so much trauma for them and literally everyone in Ukraine. They were able to share details and talk freely about it with someone who truly cared about every detail and had not themselves lived through it. Though it was very difficult at times, I am so grateful to have been that someone for them.

My car was a great concern and in my last letter I gave details and asked for prayers. Your prayers were heard. It was repaired and made road worthy again.

The border crossing was the next challenge. Well, it wasn't a challenge for

God. He performed a miracle at the border. We crossed into Poland, spent a week with our Ukrainian refugee friends and returned with no additional trouble at the border. My car is legal to be in Ukraine for yet another year. Praising the Lord for all He did on my trip.

As hard as it was to return to America, I soon saw the reasons. One being my older brother Timothy. His health has not been good, but it failed fast in the last few weeks. He was placed on hospice care not long after I returned to the States. This has been especially hard on my mom and older sister Victoria who have been caring for him. He will be reunited with his best friend, our oldest brother Daniel, and our Lord soon. Please pray for him in these last difficult weeks of his life. I also ask a special prayer for my mom. She turned eighty-eight in December. Her health is not great either, yet she is determined to be here until that trumpet sounds and Jesus calls us all home.

Thank you for all your prayers while I was in Ukraine. They were needed and I truly felt them. I passed on your love to my Ukrainian people, and they send you their love and gratefulness for all your support.

With a broken yet full heart for Ukraine,
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