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Dear praying friends and family,

If my last letter felt a bit like juggling plates...this one might feel more like watching what happened after a few of them started wobbling—and how the Lord kept them from crashing.

Since December, life and ministry here in Ukraine have moved quickly (as usual). The Christmas season came and went in a blur of travel, church services, children's programs, and more cups of tea than I can count. The puppet show in the Vilshani area was a success—lots of kids (over three different showings), lots of energy, and plenty of opportunities to share the true meaning of Christmas. I don't think I'll ever quite get used to how excited children can get over puppets—but I'm learning! Of course, the gifts that many of our friends donated to the children were also a big treat for them.

One of the biggest answers to prayer was the January camp in Lutsk. We asked you to pray for around 80 children to attend—and the Lord provided! It was a full, busy week packed with games, lessons, singing, and (of course) controlled chaos. More importantly, though, the Gospel was clearly presented throughout the week. Several children showed a real interest in spiritual things, and we're trusting the Lord to continue working in their hearts even now. Thank you for praying—that week was a direct result of it.

Since then, ministry has settled into a more regular rhythm—though “regular” here still includes plenty of surprises. Church services, Bible studies, and outreach opportunities have continued to fill the weeks.

As for daily life—winter has been...memorable. Between power outages, rather long cold spells, quite a bit of snowfall, and the occasional “Will we have water today?” moments, there have been plenty of opportunities to practice flexibility. I've learned to appreciate hot tea (on a whole new level and to never take electricity for granted. That said, we have been safe, and the Lord has faithfully provided through every inconvenience. In fact, the Lord recently provided an EcoFlow through a ministry friend,

and it has been that push over the edge that allows us to function almost as regularly as normal at any time, in any situation (except for water outages, of course!).

The situation with the war has not changed significantly. So, we both thank you for continuing to pray, and ask you to persist in petitioning the Lord for protection and for peace for Ukraine. There are still regular attacks, and the effects are felt in different ways depending on the day. Some days are quiet; others are not. It's a constant reminder to hold loosely to plans and to depend fully on the Lord. In addition, the pace of the attacks is already high and keeps

keeps increasing in both number and intensity. Since January 1, 2026, until today, there have been an estimated:

- ~12,000–14,000+ drones
- at least ~500–600+ missiles
- roughly ~200 to 400+ civilian deaths (this is just counting those in the unoccupied territories, not near the frontlines).

One thing that has stood out over these past few months is how God works through both the big events (like camp) and the quiet, one-on-one moments (like Bible studies or simple conversations). Sometimes it's easy to focus on the “big” things—but often, the most meaningful ministry happens in the small, faithful, everyday opportunities.

As we move into spring, there are already new plans forming—more outreach opportunities, continued discipleship, and preparation for future camps and ministry events. It's exciting to see what the Lord will do next. Here are some specific things you can pray for:

- Bible studies (one at present, but two more in the near future)
- English classes (in the works to start up soon for our SBI students)
- Music outreach in Shepetivka at the end of March
- Quick visit to Kharkiv to start planning the program for our Lutsk camp in August
- Trip to South Africa to visit my parents in mid-April (they are retiring from the field, so I want to go and spend a bit of time with them before they leave)
- SBI, plus a graduation of several of its students (the second week of May)
- Demkivtsi camp (1–2 weeks in July)
- Lutsk camp (2–3 weeks in August)
- ...plus, all the regular travels of visiting the Kharkiv and Demkivtsi children's clubs monthly, the Living Hope church here in Kyiv, and whatever other opportunities the Lord may open up.

I hope this letter finds you well and encouraged. Thank you again for your prayers, your encouragement, and your support. I truly could not be here without you. You are a part of every conversation, every lesson, and every opportunity the Lord gives.

Reaching forth,

Rebekah



