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(Псалми 36:7) ⁷ (36-8)
Яка дорога Твоя милість,
о Боже, і ховаються
людські сини в тіні Твоїх
крил:

(Psalm 36:7) ⁷ How
excellent is thy
lovingkindness, O God!
Therefore the children
of men put their trust
under the shadow of
thy wings.



Cvetlana and Natasha (standing next to Tony) came forward for baptism and membership !!!

We praise the Lord for keeping us safe under His wings for another year. The last 12 months were a blessed year in ministry! The work here, our church outreach, the growth of our people, the new faces in our services, and the multitudes of new opportunities everywhere around us are just a few of those blessings. The Lord also kept our city, our church, and our congregation safe in the midst of another year of war. We continue to trust Him for our safety in this war but pray for its end. As 2025 begins, we are excited about what lies ahead of us!

December began and we prepared for a break from some of our ministry work due to the long holiday season and a busy schedule with some personal tasks. December 1st Coretta and I headed out on the first of what will be several long trips to Warsaw, Poland, to fly her back to the states for her dry macular degeneration eye treatments. We had a safe trip over and arrived at the airport in time. It's hard to drop off the love of your life knowing she has vision problems and she has to fly to the other side of the world without you. Still, God always has a way of putting the right people in the right place at the right time! We want to give a huge THANK YOU for Roger Gillespie! He is a member of our sending church who drove to Chicago to pick her up and then back again to drop her off. Please continue to pray with us that the specific medication for her eye treatments would be approved for use in Europe soon.

Our church Christmas service on December 29th was wonderful! It included special music, poems, readings, a fellowship meal, and games. It was our highest attendance with a total of 45. However, December was not without its challenges. There was a problem with the breaker on the outside electric meter of our church building. It wasn't large enough for the extra electric draw during the winter months. This caused our heating systems to shut down multiple times and the building was a bit on the cold inside during several services. Ukrainian people are tough! They just bundled up and continued to come to church! Amen! Praise God the electric company finally got the problem resolved and the building is now nice and toasty!

We want to thank several churches for their special Christmas offerings. They were a real blessing because we were able to use them to cover Coretta's flight stateside for her treatment in early December. Special offerings were received from Columbus BC (Columbus, IN), First BC (Littlestown, PA), First MBC (Buchanan, MI), Blue Ribbon MBC (Lone Grove, OK), Calvary MBC (Judsonia, AR), Grace BC (Hope, IN), Faith BC (Little Rock, AR), and Mississauga MBC (Mississauga, Ontario, Canada). We also give thanks to Landmark BC (Stockton, CA) for their love offering which will pay for Coretta's next flight stateside for treatment in February.



January began with something new for us. We hosted our first Lego Camp. While popular back home, Lego Camps here are something completely new. We didn't have as many campers as we anticipated but it was successful event because we made contact with two new families who have attended some of our services since then. We also learned a lot that will help us with our next camp in the springtime. We are very grateful for New Prospect MBC (Benton, AR) and pastor David Standridge for their VBS offering which covered the startup cost of the Legos and the expenses of our camp. January blessings also included a mother and daughter who have attended here for a long time. They finished their membership and doctrinal statement classes. They have now come forward requesting baptism and membership. Amen! We will be baptizing them soon. The Lord is still changing hearts and minds ... Keep Praying! Coretta and I traveled to the US Embassy in Kyiv on January 13th to renew our U.S. passports. We're happy to report that we are good to go for another 10 years! Folks here are a little on "pins & needles" about President Trump and how it will impact the war and life here. As always, we remind them our hope and trust is not in man but in God who has His hands upon it all.

Prayer does change things and we are so thankful for all of your prayers! Listed below are some specific things you can help us pray for:

- 1) Salvations, Commitments, and Relationships
- 2) Continued growth in all areas of the work here
- 3) For the Lord to raise up leadership in the work here
- 4) An end to this war
- 5) Traveling mercies - Coretta travels back to the states in February for her next eye treatment
- 6) Approval for Coretta's dry macular degeneration eye treatment procedure here in Europe
- 7) Progress on projects with our building this spring

Thank you all for your faithful partnership with us in the work here!

Love, Tony & Coretta



1. Kiril teaching - he surrendered to the ministry!
2. Some of our kids on Christmas Sunday
3. Daniel enjoying his time at Lego Camp
4. Coretta and Alyona setting up for Lego Camp
5. "Thank You to the Defenders of Ukraine"
6. A house full of people on Christmas Sunday
7. New passports good for another 10 years