



Please PRAY for the:
Maher Family
 and the
Ukrainian Crisis



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Dear Praying Pastors, Brothers and Sisters,

Ukrainian Crisis Letter

Spring of 2024

Feb. 14th to April 10th was a very fruitful trip to Ukraine blessed with great opportunities to present the Gospel!

Ministering to Lakeside Baptist Church in Lemansky, Ukraine included making visits to lost loved ones of our Church members and visiting local lost families to sow the seed of the Gospel in their hearts. Slavic our national pastor teaches a class for our young preachers every Saturday evening. His Brother Michael also teaches a class on Homiletics (How to Preach) on Thursday evenings. I was able to take five of their classes and train them on practical evangelism including a few practical application lessons during one of which Sergey, a young alcoholic who has been coming to services decided to attend. It was great to show them all how to explain the Gospel to this young man and them to see the Gospel open his understanding and gloriously save his soul. Continue praying for the Church's outreaches and the Growing Correspondence ministry which is printing and sending out thousands of tracts weekly.

Chernivtsi presented many great opportunities to present the Gospel in different Churches as well as special small groups organized specifically to help 100+ displaced Ukrainians both physically with a box of food, a good meal and spiritually with a clear Gospel Explanation. After the preaching, Lyudmila (60+) called upon the Lord for salvation. **On April 23rd I taught a three-part Seminar on Practical Evangelism to over 100 young adults and youth.** They then practiced out on the streets in 10 busy areas of the city. While sowing the seed, they were encouraged to see three out of four people took the tracts gladly, many read them immediately while others willingly engaged in conversations.

Chernivtsi Oblast: Oksana and I worked together making many Evangelistic visits with three smaller village Churches.

Khmelnitsky Oblast: We worked with a local pastor making Evangelistic visits as we challenged two Churches too.

Praising the Lord for **His direction for our ministry.** Lord Willing in June we'll return permanently to Ukraine and relocate to Chernivtsi, the city where most of our ministry opportunities and practical language learning will be centered.

Prayer Needs: 1) *Learning to Speak and Preach in the Ukrainian Language* with the training of a university teacher. *{We've preached in Russian for 30 years, BUT due to this WAR, most don't want to hear the Aggressor's language.} 2) *Evangelistic visits:* Many local pastors are very eager for us to make visits to sow the Gospel seed and minister to the many Displaced souls resettling here seeking refuge from the bombings and/or because they lost their homes. 3) Our Son DAVID who is laboring with Slavic, Oksana's Brother to prepare for summer Evangelistic Camps in Odessa. 4) Brothers keep making outreaches to minister in Eastern towns devastated by Russian Assaults.

Printing Ministry: We have recently printed 120,000 Testimonial tracts, 20,000 Ukrainian and some Russian copies of "The Dying Drummer Boy" which is a booklet tract which is very effective in general witnessing, but especially great when witnessing to Jews and also printed over 10,000 full-page Tracts entitled "The True History of Passover" dealing with the real meaning of the Death and Resurrection of God's perfect sacrificial Passover Lamb.

Refugee Help: We recently sent out four boxes of Gospel literature to Europe for use with Ukrainian Refugees: three boxes to two different Brothers in Ireland and one box to a Ukrainian Church in Portugal.

Furlough has been encouraging as His Spirit moved hearts. We Thank **the Lord for three new supporting churches.** For the Souls of Ukraine,

Richard, Oksana, Elisabeth and David Maher **We would love to Encourage your Church - Call me (513) 969-4229!**
 We sincerely Thank You all for faithfully praying, supporting and being genuinely concerned for our family and our safety as well as for Oksana's family and especially for the souls of Ukraine during this unbelievably heart-breaking time.