



Please PRAY for the:
Maher Family
 and the
Ukrainian Crisis



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Dear Praying Pastors, Brothers and Sisters,

Ukrainian Crisis Letter

Summer of 2024

Mid June: We moved back to Ukraine. We Praise the Lord for His protection as we live in Odessa which has missile & drone attacks 1-3+ times a week! We have been **Ministering to Lakeside Baptist Church** in Lemansky, Ukraine and assisting Slavic our national pastor as we make trips to other parts of Ukraine. Pray for the Church's outreaches and Growing Correspondence ministry: printing & sending out thousands of tracts weekly.

July 5 & 6 trip to Nikolayev Oblast (Territory formerly Under Russian Occupation): Missionary Casey Kline & Brother Sasha Illchenko needed help with transportation to Preach & distribute 500 Aid boxes in five heavily damaged villages. We had great liberty and many responded to receive Christ as they heard the Gospel clearly for the first time.

July trip to Chernivtsi: Pastor Valera invited me to present the Gospel to visited 45 families who had either lost their Husband, Son or Daughter due to this war: The Lord supplied both physically with a large care package of food & spiritually with a clear Gospel Explanation: Gregory 72 and Lydia 54 called upon the Lord for salvation. The Lord opened up opportunities to present the Gospel at 3 week long Children's camps: 65 children & parents, then 100 children in a small town & over 310 came out from 5 different mountain villages- 90 parents also heard the Gospel.
 → (Most of the time I use either a large "EvangeCube" or "EvangeFold" with pictures to clearly illustrate the Gospel).
 *{If interested in this material: <https://www.christianbook.com/page/church/outreach/evangecube> (watch the video of how to use the eCube *ON SALE). *Large Evangefold: <https://www.etsusa.org/church-supplies/evangelism-resources/evangecubes-c6095/>

August trip to Chernivtsi: Oksana & I encouraged a few new Churches. We also presented the Gospel on 8 Evangelistic Visits as well as teaching the Gospel to 85 & 60 children at 2 VBSs. I taught a Workshop on Practical Evangelism to 30+ young adults & youth. We also worked at a camp ministering to 35+ widowed wives and wives of soldiers actively serving in the war. I was able to clearly present the Gospel to them and their Children separately.

Praising the Lord for how He works (Philippians 2:13):

Our Son DAVID labored from April-August with Slavic (Oksana's Brother) doing Evangelistic/Humanitarian help & participating in Christian Camps in Odessa. On August 4th he **Followed the Lord in Believers' Baptism** at Lakeside Baptist Church! He also **Proposed to His Fiancé Evelyn!** She is from Odessa & worked at camps with him for 3 years.

Our Elisabeth spent the summer here: visiting Refugee friends, as a leader at Camps in Odessa & helping with Lakeside's VBS. She is now finishing up her last semester of college and is seeking God's direction for her Life.

Prayer Needs: 1) *Learning to Speak & Preach in the Ukrainian Language.* I have preached in Russian for 30+ years, BUT due to this WAR, most Ukrainians don't want to hear the Aggressor's --language.} Pray for Me!
 2) Slavic (Oksana's Brother) is distributing firewood & Evangelizing families in the formerly occupied Kherson Oblast.
 3) Evangelistic visits: Slavic's camp is housing 30+ (mainly elderly) displaced souls who we will be visiting to sow the Gospel seed and water it as we minister to these Displaced souls resettling here seeking refuge from the bombings.
 4) Bro. Eugene laboring in Sumy Region set up a small bakery; They Preach & distribute large loaves of bread with Gospel tracts while Evangelizing where daily Russian Mortar Attacks are forcing the Evacuation of 5 border counties!
 *{Looking for an **Evangelism PROJECT** to pray for or participate in: 50 cents will bake a loaf of "**Bread**" to reach souls!
 5) Project 2: **Care Package for Soldiers** including: First Aid & Hygiene supplies, Chocolate bar & Gospel Tracts~\$15.

Make check to: Charity Baptist Mission, PO Box 692, Bristol, TN 37621-0692: Write in memo: Maher - Ukraine - Bread or Maher- Ukraine - Care Package

For the Souls of Ukraine,

Richard, Oksana, Elisabeth and David Maher

Thank You all for faithfully praying, supporting & being genuinely concerned for our family & our safety and especially for the souls of Ukraine during this devastating time: Remember Phil. 1:12 Things Happen so God can Further His Gospel!