



The Rue Family UKRAINE

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Dear Praying Friends and Family,

I hope this letter finds you well in the Lord and that He uses it to encourage you to pray for the Lord's harvest. I'm very glad to see winter come to an end knowing that we will soon be able to begin the process of submitting our paperwork for our residency permits in Ukraine. The Lord was very good to us, having given me many opportunities to preach in Bible Conferences, special Missions Meetings, and fill in for pastors while they were out of their pulpits. We had one response to the invitation for salvation.

We are very relieved to report that Pastor Alexei's exemption from military service in Ukraine has been extended for another three months. He has been a tremendous help preparing our home for our return. Pastors Rick Drummond and Ron Ralph generously gave to our need for an inverter for our home for a backup power supply. We are so glad that it has been successfully installed. Pastor Alexei is currently working through a few other nuances with the local power company for us before we return. He was also able to find us another dog, a German Shepherd of course (!), since our last one appears to have been stolen.

Pastor John Niehaus was a big help giving us a needed document for my son, Christopher. The government now requires that invited missionaries have proof of religious instruction in the form of a certificate or diploma. This was a good move on their part. I've met some real weirdos posing as missionaries! This document is one of many that are required before we can begin the application process for the letter of invitation from a registered religious organization in Ukraine. Pastor Alexei is preparing all the documents which we plan to submit in April after Christopher turns eighteen. We cannot submit them sooner which has been a real pain. I have to constantly remind myself that the timing of our return to the field is in the Lord's hands, which is the best place for it to be! The disastrous Trump/Zelenski meeting in the oval office has no sway on our decision to return to Ukraine.

Please continue to pray for our church in Ukraine along with Pastor Alexei who are holding up under a tremendous amount of stress. Please pray for his wife, Vika, who is now expecting and the doctors are saying that there are complications.

My family and I would like to thank you all for your friendship, fellowship, prayers, and support of us in this work that God has given us. May the Lord Jesus bless you as you continue to serve Him.

That Ukraine May Know Him,

Christopher Rue

Phil. 3:10



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