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Prayer Requests:

- People of Ukraine
- Covid-19 cure
- Political unrest to resolve
- Children at the Children's AIDs Hospital
- Christians in Donetsk
- Viktor's health to continue to improve



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As 2021 comes to an end, we pray for peace, love and joy for all of you and for the world. May we all strive to serve the Lord so that His love will be shown in all nations. We send love and thanks for your prayers, concern and support from the Christians in Donetsk and from Viktor and me.

As you may have seen in the news, the political situation has been unsettled since 2014 when Viktor and I left Ukraine. There is still fighting, but mostly north of Donetsk and has not been a problem for our friends in a physical way. However their economy has suffered and many are in need. Products are hard to come by and wages are low. Traveling in and out of Donetsk is difficult as they now have passports which are valid only in that region.

COVID-19 has continued to be a problem. Several of our friends have had mild cases, but have recovered. We were saddened by the loss of Misha Faden. Misha and his wife Anna worshiped with the Proletarsky congregation for several years. He graduated from the Ukraine Bible Institute, became a preacher and he and Anna moved to a small town to spread the gospel. Anna was killed a couple years ago when their home was bombed in the political conflict. Misha moved back to Proletarsky and earlier this year contracted COVID and passed away.

Another graduate of the Ukraine Bible Institute, Boris Ivanovich died of a heart attack a few weeks ago. Both Boris and Misha preached for the combined Budyonofsky and Proletarsky congregations. They are greatly missed.

The Proletarsky church building is still closed because of document problems. As long as there is political unrest in Donetsk, it is highly unlikely that there will be any chance of getting the proper papers. We pray that God will help them find a solution.

Rita Pisareva and Natasha Gopchenko have been very good about visiting those who can not come to worship. They visit Alexandra, Rita's grandmother-in-law, and conduct Bible study as often as they can. Alexandra was one of the first members of the Proletarsky congregation and has been confined to her 5th floor apartment for the past 6 or 7 years.



Above: Rita, Natasha, and Nina



Left: Natasha and Galina reading the Bible



Below: Bible Study with Alexandra

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Rita and Pasha have not been able to make the trip to Kiev to procure new hearing aids for their daughter, Diana. Diana has had a hearing problem since birth and has outgrown her present hearing aids. She is able to attend school and does well, but has trouble hearing the exact sounds of words. We pray that the political unrest will be resolved so Diana can get proper help.



Above: Vitya, Pasha, Diana, and Rita

Many of you will remember Vitya, who was helped by Ray Grayham when his mother was unable to care for him. Vitya came to my home many weekends from the children's home where he lived. He is now 25 and works as a cook in a pizzeria. Rita, Pasha and Diana met him for dinner on his birthday on December 4th. I miss having him visit and am thankful he was given an opportunity to study and be able to live a useful life.

Below: Children Celebration at the Children's AIDs hospital.

We continue to send funds to the Children's AIDs hospital. The ladies' class in Waterford, Michigan has supported that work for many years. Doctor Ludmilla, the assistant director, always sends a sweet thank you note to tell how the funds were used. They have 54 children now, most of whom have very serious illnesses. The last money we sent is to be used for candy, fruit and toys for the children for New Year gifts.



The Christians in Dontesk continue to serve the Lord, in spite of the economic, political and health situations. Please continue to pray for them.

On a personal note, Viktor had ¼ of his left lung removed in February. The doctors feel confident that all the cancer was removed, but he is still having trouble recovering from the various operations and treatments given him. The latest problem has been a light case of pneumonia. He will finish his third round of antibiotics this week and visit the oncologist on January 6th. Please pray that he will receive a good report and they will be able to get his blood levels back to normal.



We thank the Lord for each and everyone of you and pray for a great year, 2022.

Viktor and Lynn Tretiakov