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Fresh news from Ukraine, Bogdan and Zhenia

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Hello dear friends :-)

Thank God! Thank you!

You are a great blessing for the ministry in Ukraine, for the Christian school, and for our family.

Your prayers are truly valuable and important. Your encouragement and support help develop the ministry to children and their families.

Thank you for praying intently for the Christian school ministry throughout January.

January has been the most difficult month in recent years.

But we continue to keep peace in our hearts and joy in the Lord as we remain in Kyiv and continue to serve the people.

The situation in Ukraine:

After massive attacks this month, according to official data, about 1 million people left Kyiv during January because the apartments where people live have no heat, water, or electricity. Some people live in apartments with temperatures of 10-12 degrees Celsius (50-53 degrees Fahrenheit), some people are living in tents inside their apartments and using candles for heat.

Currently, Kyiv is preparing an evacuation plan in case of further massive attacks on the energy sector.

Next week, we will have severe frosts of -23 degrees Celsius, -9 degrees Fahrenheit.

On average, we have electricity for 4-5 hours a day and no electricity for 20 hours.

Generators often break down because they cannot withstand the heavy load.

We just prayed and believed in God's protection.

Yesterday, Saturday, there was a cyberattack in Ukraine, and the entire southern part of the country was left without power. In Kyiv, the metro, trolleybuses, and trams stopped

running, navigation did not work, taxi rides were worth their weight in gold, online transfers also did not work, and mobile applications barely worked...

In cafes and restaurants, when there is no electricity, there is no water or Wi-Fi, and the toilets don't work.

Can you imagine that?

When there is no electricity, mobile communications also don't work, so the mobile coverage on the phone screen shows 1 bar out of 4, and it is impossible to make calls.

We have two generators in our house, a small one and a large one, which we turn on alternately so as not to overload them, saving as much as we can.

We pray - **“Lord, strengthen our faith. We want to be faithful to You alone until the end. Give us the strength to get through this trial!”**

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the strength to be faithful to God until the end. It's cold outside, but inside, God's love keeps us warm.

Friends, I am praying for you. We saw on the news that some states were hit by an ice storm and some of you are now without electricity and heat. I can imagine how difficult and challenging this is for you. But you are not alone right now—God continues to be close to you. God remains a good Father.

About our family:

January is coming to an end, and we say - **“Thank You, Jesus, that we are alive and did not freeze to death.”**



Skating with Stefania

We had a month of active ministry, and in the evenings when we returned home, we simply warmed ourselves by the fireplace, ate hot soup, and covered ourselves with a warm blanket.

We are all in excellent health, having recovered from a prolonged bout of the flu.

In the evenings, the children love to play with Lego, building different projects and playing together. I am amazed by their creativity and imagination when building with Lego.

In February, we will be celebrating Stefania and Zhenia's birthdays. Organizing a birthday party for Stefania is usually like organizing a large conference, as she invites many guests :-)

Everything is fine with us, we have food, we have a normal supply of gasoline, and we are replenishing it.

God's power in the change of students at the Well Done Christian School:

Zhenia and I have started giving presentations in churches around the Christian school. We already had a presentation in January and will have presentations in three churches in February.

Today we performed in a wonderful church where one family wants to come to our Christian school and several people are interested in working as teachers. God is good and He gives us the strength to seek everything we need.

Please pray that God will send three Christian teachers in February.

Please pray for the 50 new students we are waiting to enroll.



As Stefania says, "Ms. Zhenia, you are the best teacher."

Two teachers left our school in January, and Zhenia began teaching children.

Please pray for her wisdom and strength.



Thank you for praying for changes in student Dani. God is doing amazing things in his life.

In January, we invited his father to a meeting to better understand how we can help Dani change and grow academically.

Dani's father grew up without a father, although he is now a church pastor, but he is learning how to raise his son when he himself did not have a father and has no model for parenting.



Please pray for Dani's repentance, for his change at the level of his heart.

We are happy to be an instrument in the hands of the Lord for the change of students at Well Done.

Friends, you are also part of our team, and you are also involved in changing students for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Please pray for our open house in February. We are planning a large meeting for new parents who are looking for a school for their children.

God's power in financial provision:

In the first half of January, I wrote you an email saying that we were looking for funds to pay rent and teachers' salaries.

God has once again performed a miracle! Although it is difficult to believe, I know that some of you are wondering how this could be possible, but the Lord continues to perform miracles.

Through some people, God provided the funds to pay the rent for February and March. Wow, the mercy of the Lord! He took care of His ministry and His faithful workers in advance. So, February and March are relatively calm for us.

So, believe and do not hesitate. God continues to provide funds so that His work can continue.

An example of faith: one of our neighbors who lived near us, he is an unbeliever, his family moved abroad on the first day of the war, he began to financially support a Christian school. Can you imagine how God shows His power and glory?

Great need for monthly support:

We are still looking for monthly support for the ministry of the Well Done Christian school.

This is because we want to give children from poor families the opportunity to study at our school.

Please pray that we will have \$4,000 in monthly support (we currently have \$1,200 in monthly support) for student scholarships and teacher salaries.

Just click on this link and set the amount you can donate monthly for the children at the school or make a one-time gift.

<https://give.onmissiontogether.org/1027>

Your donations go to Mission Together, a non-profit organization here in Orlando, Florida, where the tax deductible works.

Your donations that go to our Mission Together account will be received very quickly here in Ukraine.

Looking for volunteers from the US:

Please pray for the planning of American Win Together with David and Sarah from Ohio on March 23-27.

This is a great encouragement for us and for all the teachers and students at Well Done.

Also, please pray for Caleb and his friends from North Carolina who are thinking of coming to visit us during the first week of June.

God is good, and we already have two teams coming to the Christian school this year.

Ministry to teenagers in our town:

We started holding meetings every Saturday for teenagers. Last Saturday we went ice skating, and it was a great time as I taught the teenagers how to skate. Afterwards, we went for pizza, read the Bible together, and gave them motivation for this year.

Unbelieving teenagers are becoming more and more open to Jesus.



Please pray for our leadership team: Arthur, Max, Diana, and Nastya.

Please pray that God will give each of us disciples.

Plans for February:

- *Open house in February*
- *Presentation of the school in three new churches*
- *Search for two teachers and recruit new students*
- *Hold four meetings for teenagers*
- *Fly in and prepare a seminar for parents in the soccer ministry.*

Please pray for:

- *God's protection for our family and strength to survive the cold days of February, when there may be a potential new massive attack on the energy sector;*
- *Wisdom to develop the Well Done Christian school*
- *God's provision for all the needs of the school ministry.*

We are glad to be together with you on the same team proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in Ukraine.

Thank you for joining us for the sake of God's Kingdom. We value our joint ministry to the people of Ukraine.

We love you! We thank the Lord for you! We thank you!

We send you our warmest regards!

Please write to us so we can pray more effectively for your family.

With love in Jesus Christ, Bogdan and Zhenia, Stefani, Tomas, Leo, and Zlatan.

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