

Dear friends,

I'm finishing this letter as we pack for our journey to Ukraine. Our living room floor is covered with various gifts for the Ukrainians, from sausage to toothpaste to party napkins to baby clothes to winter coats -- all provided by various ones who have desired to give something. We will carry the maximum luggage allowed on our air tickets, with the minimum we need for our own clothing and personal care.

We want to say thank you for praying for the Lord's release of provision for this journey, and thank you to those who have given. God has again answered prayer. It was only three weeks ago that we had only enough funds to buy passport pictures!

Now we ask for even more fervent prayer...

You will notice by the following itinerary that we are on the way! Please pray for us and for the Ukrainian churches to whom we go to minister. Pray for us according to Ephesians 6:19. *"that utterance may be given to us in the opening of our mouths, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel."* It is on our heart to bring the "word in season" -- that which is currently needed to help give good foundations in the lives of these precious saints. It is also in our hearts to be available to minister to their personal needs through prayer and the laying on of hands. Please pray that we will be sensitive to the Spirit in the meetings and in the many other settings where we will be with pastors and other individuals.

Pray that we will have energy and strength throughout this month of continuous ministry. Pray that we will stay in the place of grace, faith, hope and love...*"and the greatest is love..."*

Ask for God's heart for the Ukrainian people as you pray -- for yourself and for us -- that we would have the love of God and the compassion of Christ for them. Let your praying go beyond our needs to the needs of these people. Some good Scriptures out of which to pray for these churches are as follows: Ephesians 1:15-21; Ephesians 3:14-19; and Colossians 1:9-12.

We'll be in three Ukrainian Cities...

We expect to be in three churches in Krivoy Rog, pastored by three men -- Gregori, Pavel, and Sergei -- who we came to know last year. The oldest of these churches is the one we helped start when we were there. We will also be in churches in each of the other two cities -- Gorlovka and Kherson, where we have not been before. All ministry, in fact all communication while there, will be through interpreters into Russian. These interpreters will work very hard. Pray for the anointing on these interpreters in our meetings and ministry times, and that God will bless all our communication while in Ukraine.

The itinerary

Monday, Nov. 14:

2:00 p.m. Leave Minneapolis on Northwest #8198

3:14 p.m. Arrive Chicago

4:35 p.m. Leave Chicago on KLM #612

Tuesday, Nov. 15:

7:20 a.m. Arrive Amsterdam

10:25 a.m. Leave Amsterdam on KLM #283

2:20 p.m. Arrive Kiev, Ukraine

7 p.m. (approximate) Leave Kiev by train

Wednesday, November 16:

7 a.m. (approximate) Arrive in Krivoy Rog by train

November 16 - 24:

Minister in the churches in Krivoy Rog

Thursday, November 24:

Travel by train to Gorlovka

November 24 - December 1:

Minister in the church in Gorlovka

Thursday, December 1:

Travel by train to Kherson

December 1-8:

Minister in the church in Kherson

Thursday, December 8:

Travel by train back to Krivoy Rog

December 8-12:

Minister in the churches in Krivoy Rog

Monday, December 12:

Leave Krivoy Rog by train

Tuesday, December 13:

Arrive in Kiev

3:20 p.m.: Leave Kiev on KLM #284

5:30 p.m.: Arrive in Amsterdam, stay overnight and hopefully see Marcia La Rock, missionary from our home church

Wednesday, December 14:

2:55 p.m.: Leave Amsterdam on Northwest #655

4:50 p.m.: Arrive in Minneapolis

We want to thank those of you who have given special and sacrificial gifts. All has been received with gratefulness and a recognition that each gift has been given "as unto the Lord".

In closing, we want to remind you that we believe your prayer is as much a part of the ministry as the things that we do. When spiritual fruit comes, it is a harvest that comes from seeds sown in prayer. Your simplest prayer can be heard around the world...in the realm of the spirit. We have a great privilege to walk in the path of prayer that you help clear, and to know "the shelter of the Most High".

May you also experience His abundant grace and peace!

Yours in Christ,

John and Jackie