

Dear MBC church family,

**Hello!** We wanted to send a semi-personal :) note from us, to catch you up on what has been going on in our lives, and again thank you for your love and care, support and prayers for us.

We served the Lord for 12 years and 4 terms in South Africa, making sure the ministry is on a good footing and in very capable hands. We are settling back into life in Germany, having arrived back in Berlin in December. We are getting involved and building relationships in Cornerstone Church, a young church plant that invited us to join them in evangelism, discipleship and mentoring. We look forward to working with the leadership and helping them develop a solid foundation to build upon.

As you know, the Ukraine crisis has caught the attention of the world, and profoundly affected all of Europe. The European Bible Training Center in Berlin (EBTC), where Daniel has been involved since the beginning, has a longstanding relationship with deep connections to a sister seminary in Ukraine with a network of pastors and churches all over the country. Many of the Ukrainian pastors have stayed with their people in dangerous areas, serving not only their own flocks, but also their neighbors and the unsaved around them. There have been countless opportunities to share shelter, food, supplies- and most importantly, the Gospel. EBTC put out a translated update recently that sums it up very well:

<https://www.ebtc.org/blog/updates-and-current-prayer-requests-pray-for-ukraine>

We have been involved in helping transport tons of supplies- everything from food, clothing, medications and medical supplies (tourniquets, blood pressure cuffs and bandages) to evangelistic books, counseling materials and tracts, to gas cookers and generators. The shipments go to the Ukrainian pastors, who then distribute them further into the country to other pastors in other regions.

Our Ukrainian brothers and sisters tell us what a huge encouragement it is to know other believers care and are bound together with them in prayer and help. It has also been a huge opportunity in so many ways to share the Gospel with those who do not know the Lord. We have received several firsthand reports of people who have turned to Christ in local churches during this time.

The first week of April, we joined a survey team from BMW and Compassion Medical on a very packed, intense trip into Ukraine to interview leaders, pastors and refugees, and to get a firsthand look to see how to be involved. We have so much to report and share! Time and space are limited here. But from those interactions, three specific areas were identified- raising funds for supporting three evangelists, for humanitarian aid, and for Bibles. If you are interested in more information (and to see some videos of our trip), go to [biblicalministries.org](http://biblicalministries.org) and [compassionmedical.org](http://compassionmedical.org). Or check out the various short videos on BMW's Facebook page.

**Here are some specific prayer requests from us:**

- For protection for all those bringing in aid; these trips are physically exhausting and not without risk. Please also pray for the Ukrainian believers who are daily in danger.
- The Gospel to transform lives all over the world as believers share the salvation and hope found only in Christ.
- We need a vehicle that is versatile and rugged. Please pray for finances, one that fits ministry and personal needs, and that we trust God for His timing.
- We delivered aid to a school that has been converted into a refugee center; the area has been identified for a new church plant. Please pray for evangelistic efforts, a faithful man to lead this effort, and an effective way to serve the refugees there. ★
- Evangelistic relationships we have in Berlin, some longstanding. One of our neighbors, Renate, has cancer and isn't expected to live another year. Please pray for her salvation as well as our other neighbors.
- Ministry to and with and in the Cornerstone Church family.
- Our personal walk with the Lord, that we keep spiritually "green" as we serve in a spiritual wasteland.

We so appreciate your faithful support and continual interest and prayers over these many long years. God has blessed us with you, our coworkers, and we are so thankful for each one of you!

Together in Christ,

Dan and Debbie Willoughby

★ Dan is just finishing another trip into Ukraine. They took aid & Bibles & evangelistic materials not only to pastors, but also to the refugee center. They were moved to tears and started to read ~~the~~ every thing immediately. Please pray for spiritual fruit. Very thankful for these opportunities to serve our brothers & sisters in Christ, and share God's love with those who don't know Him. Thanks so much for your care & prayers & support & love over the years. We appreciate you all!