

December, 2022



**"God rest you, merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay...
remember Christ our Savior, was born on Christmas day, to save us all
from Satan's power when we had gone astray- oh, tidings of comfort and joy!"**

Counseling:

We were able to get a super deal on a last-minute vacation to Turkey, for a “work-cation,” where we could concentrate on our biblical counseling certification process. We made great progress on our studies and got some R&R in as well. We are both counseling various folks with diverse life challenges. Please pray for us, for wisdom as we walk with these dear ones, and for hope and change that the Lord offers through His Word!

Mentoring:

It is such a blessing to be building into the lives of the next generation of believers and leaders. They are shepherding the church family well, and serious about honoring the Lord. Please pray for them and their families, both spiritually and physically.

Ukraine:

Dan hasn't been able to drive to Ukraine recently, because of different health reasons; we have, though, been able to organize different aid to be taken in, such as warm clothing, sleeping bags and camping stoves to help our brothers and sisters in Christ get through this winter.

A pastor in the US, Phil Moser, has written a children's story about fear. It clearly explains the Gospel twice, and has been translated into Ukrainian. Samaritan's Purse has 10,000 Operation Christmas Child boxes for Ukrainian children, and told Phil if he can get the books printed, they will put one in each box! So Phil's friend Jason contact us, and asked Dan to drive the books from the printer's to Ukraine. Dan is scheduled to drive this coming Tuesday, from the 20th-23rd. Please pray for the printers to have the books done by the 20th, for good border crossings, for safety on the roads and in the cold.

Hearing Impaired:

Dan restarted the hearing impaired ministry and it has taken a surprising turn! The Monday night Bible study is going, as well as sermon translation on Sundays. Along with two German hearing impaired, a Ukrainian man is coming, and last Sunday brought other Ukrainian hearing impaired with him! A Ukrainian pastor friend was visiting our church Sunday, and a few of the deaf recognized him from a Bible institute that was held in his church--wow! The Lord allowed us a glimpse of the beauty of the tapestry He weaves! (pictured below)



Cornerstone Church has grown so much that the hearing impaired group sat back in the entrance area for church. Please pray for the Ukrainians to learn and understand German sign language quickly, and for other hearing to join in. Translating from spoken German to German sign language to Ukrainian sign language takes too long to keep up with the sermon, and has potential for misunderstandings, so we are praying for the Lord's solution to be able to serve these dear folks well.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Dan has had some physical challenges- his shoulder got pulled out of the socket in Turkey (but a great Gospel opportunity!) and had a tooth break in half. Now he has a tender spot where he had ear pain last summer. God gives him the strength and grace to keep on serving! We appreciate your praying with us, that he doesn't get sick on the trip to Ukraine.

- We have an opportunity to purchase a car, one exactly like what we have been looking at, from a missionary family that is returning to the US. We are excited about this, and are just lacking some funds for the purchase amount. Woohoo- wheels!! Please pray for the rest of the purchase price.

- We are so thankful for Christ! "Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free, for God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me." Those are tidings of comfort and joy!!!

We are thankful for every one of you! Wishing each of you a wonderful, Christ-focused Christmas!
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