

Scott & Shannon Crawford - Ukraine Update

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Hi everyone!

Happy Easter! **Jesus IS Risen!**

I meant to send an email earlier, so I'm finally getting around to it. I want to begin by saying **THANK YOU!** for your prayers for Ukraine!

We continue to be in contact with our friends in Ukraine by phone and by Zoom. Dnipro is still fairly quiet, although the airport is totally destroyed and there is some other damage outside the city, so we are all thankful for that. Our friends are thankful for the quiet in Dnipro, although the sirens run daily.

With the buildup of Russian forces in eastern Ukraine, please continue to be in prayer. We have all heard about the atrocities north of Kiev that make our hearts sick. Please continue to pray for the Ukrainians and President Zelenskyy to have wisdom and discernment as they fight to protect their country and people. We are continuing to pray that there will be increased confusion and frustration within the Russian army and that their plans will be exposed and stopped.

Some cool things are happening that show God is at work even in the most difficult of situations. The pastor in Kramatorsk stayed behind to help and give food to those who are in need. He sent his family away for safety. Their church could hold around 100 people, and about three weeks ago, we were told they were looking for a new place to worship as there were now 300 people. Today, we were told that they are now doing two services and up to 700 people are attending. It is amazing how priorities can change and we find out what is really important!

Please continue to pray for those fighting the battles and especially as the worst may come in the eastern provinces. Leana was saying that the dad of one of her English students has not had contact with his family for about 30 days. There has been no news about him dying, but they don't know if he was maybe taken as a prisoner. Ulzana's former husband is fighting in Kharkiv and has said the battle is intense, there is a lack of food and that it is hard to even rest well.

Pray for some of our families as some of them have lost their employment and that makes life intense as the income dries up and now despair is creeping in.

Have a blessed Easter!

Scott & Shannon