

Ukraine

Home Safe and Sound



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Thank you so much for your prayers over the weekend - I made it home this morning at 2am safe and sound after a 30 hour train journey!

Words cannot express how blessed I feel to be given the opportunity to serve such

a unique group of brothers and sisters. They live with the war daily on their doorstep, and yet they choose to continue to serve Jesus and their community.

I was in Ukraine at the invitation of the Zaporizhzhia Bible Seminary. They told me before the war started they had many guest speakers, teachers and professors, but I was the first person from outside Ukraine willing to come teach their students since the invasion. One of the staff members told me "you must be very brave", to which my response could only be "no, you are the brave ones to still be here serving, I was just obedient".

The group I was teaching were 20 volunteer youth ministry leaders who continue to not only serve faithfully, but seek new ways to grow as leaders and make disciples who make disciples. In the evening I gave the message at a youth group meeting - Vadym my host asked me to speak about how they should respond to the war. Starting with John 10:10 (the thief comes in the night...) we then looked at Paul's letter the Philippians 1, asking how Paul was able to "live life to the full" even while in prison - (keep giving thanks v3, keep loving others and growing in the word v9, find meaning in the suffering through sharing your faith v12).

Two nights before I arrived a rocket attack destroyed a house opposite the seminary where I was sleeping (in the photo you can see the damage - in the background you can see the Seminary and my bedroom window). While I was there the city was attacked, but not anywhere near where I was - so thank you so much for your prayers!

Please keep praying for Vadym and his family (photo attached) and all the other people who continue to serve Jesus under very difficult circumstances! They have asked me to return to Zaporizhzhia in March, something I very much hope to do.

Finally, I would like to thank those of you who are still financially supporting this new ministry - I was able to fund this ministry trip (and Romania last week) only through your help. Thank you!







Other Ministry news,

2 weeks ago Terry was in Romania facilitating a leadership workshop for a local church ministry team (photos below). It was a pleasure to serve one of his good friends, Dorin, who is the new pastor of the church.

As I mentioned last week, we are now in "Ostrava Sings Gospel" season. The choir is full, the songs are chosen, and we are looking forward to seeing what God will do through this ministry this year. Yesteday a friend contacted me to say they were listening to a podcast about a person who went from reading tarrot cards to becoming a follower of Jesus - it started when her son asked her to help him to read a Bible he has received in one of our concerts - we sow the seed and never know how God is using it, but it is sometimes nice to hear confirmation that He is at work through these ministries!

This semester the Wheaton Masters Program is full of theology classes - this is a whole new area of study for Terry, but one which is already helping him think more and deeper about his faith!





Family news,

We are now 3 weeks into the new school year. As usual, Hanka is doing a lot of activities outside of school with her students (she has already had 2 hiking expeditions, and will be leading another one next weekend).

Míša and Sam will continue with the same "hobbies" they had last year, but now that Míša is almost 17, we are also hoping she will find a part-time job to help pay for her expensive teenage lifestyle :>)

One new addition for this year is that Míša has her class "ballroom dancing lessons" every week - it is normal in the Czech Republic that teenagers learn to ballroom dance. It is one of the things I love about this culture! She has a great, nationally famous instructor (who this year is also singing in the Gospel choir ;>)

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Once again, thank you so much for your prayers and support this year. It means so much for our family and this movement of God. Thank you for being a part of it!

God Bless!

*The English Family
Terry, Hanka, Míša and Sammy*