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Join us on the Journey

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Psalm 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Thank you for your continuing prayers for us and for the people of Ukraine.

We have so much to be thankful for in this past year. We are so grateful to the Lord for giving us safe travels as we went from church to church throughout August, September, October, and November. We haven't been able to visit all of our sponsoring churches yet. We plan to begin our travels again in the spring unless we are able to safely return to Ukraine.

We had only one minor problem in all of our travels. We had a blowout on our way back home in October. But even in that, we could see God's hand working. We were in the passing lane and everyone behind us slowed down to allow us to get off the road. We pulled the car over onto a rare flat section of grass just outside of Gainesville, Florida. We called the road ranger and he arrived in about 10 minutes. He put the donut on the car for us, and told us that within 5 miles there were several tire places. There was no charge for his services. It is a free service from the state of Florida. We had been talking about getting new tires before our next trip out. God just decided we needed them sooner than we thought. We bought 4 new tires and saved the best one to be used as a spare. The tires were on sale. The people at Goodyear treated us great. They even gave us a ride to Applebee's and came and got us when the job was done. We still made it home before dark. Thank you Lord for Your traveling mercies.

We're so thankful to be able to spend Thanksgiving with our families for the second year in a row. We have lost a few family members in the past few years. But we have re-connected with others. Thanks again Lord!

All of the people we ministered to in Ukraine are still safe. The kids remain in Poland. They are being well cared for and they speak their new language fluently. They continue to read and study the Bible. Grandma Ludamila sees to that! Everyone is getting big and they send us pictures on a regular basis. The church is still meeting on Thursdays, although there are only a few members left in Zhitomir. Pastor Alex continues preaching with some help from Pastor Nicholai. Air raid sirens are part of daily life. Thankfully the majority of missiles are shot down. No place in Ukraine is safe. Thank you for your prayers and support. We are truly blessed.

In Christ, Damien & Melanie