

WE HAVE GREAT NEWS



Hi Family and Friends:

We have great news: we have completed the fundraising for our house! All the funds are in, and we are closing the Spotfund account. Oksana and I want to thank you for making our dream happen!

We are doing well and staying busy with the house almost every day. There is a lot of activity there! The counter tops will be installed on 22nd of August, and this week the trim will be all installed. The tiles in the kitchen and some lamps and other electrical work need to be finished. We are still waiting on a few lamps, mirrors, and a couch. We still need to have the sinks and toilets in the bathrooms installed, and the sink and garbage disposal in the kitchen need to be connected to plumbing. Finally, the washing machine and dryers need to be installed. Our hope is that we can move into our home at the end of September; the timing depends on whether workers can complete the work that soon.

Things move slowly, however. Ukraine is mobilizing men, and the situation is that workers are not working every day because in our country there are check points throughout cities to check men's documents.



Even a minor traffic stop can result in a man being identified as draft-eligible and moved for training and then sent to the front. So, workers are hiding and keeping track of check points. All this slows activity and is why it has taken us almost a year and a half to be ready (almost) to move in.

Mobilization has affected us in other ways. One of our leaders in our YWAM base was drafted and now he is serving in the army. Also, a young orphan man whom we helped and took care of in the past was recently drafted and could be sent to the frontline in the next few months after his military training is completed.

Our own family is doing relatively well, although we were hit with a virus. Oksana was sick for almost a month, and then Emma was sick, and I finally came down with the virus. Then we were good for couple of weeks, and then Emma got sick again. Everyone is better now.

We just finished our YWAM Ukraine Together Conference during which all four bases got together. It was a good time. We were able to spend time with friends and colleagues. In few weeks I will be starting to help our base with a Veterans Taxi; I will be taking soldiers who have been injured to doctors' appointments and doing other things for them like picking them up from the hospital and taking them to a park or a movie theater or concert or to a restaurant or coffee shop. It's a ministry that our YWAM base started for injured soldiers wounded in this war. We also will be hosting two military chaplains from USA in October, and we will be taking them to different hospitals to visit wounded soldiers.



We want to thank each one of you who donated toward the house. Without you and your family, we would not have been able to purchase the house and finish it. We are so blessed by each one of you and want to thank you so very much. We can't thank you enough. This home of ours will be used for forwarding God's Kingdom and serving Him. "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15. All we can say is that God is good all the time and He is faithful. God does make dreams come true, and He gives us the desires of our heart; He cares for the small and big wants and dreams that we have. God loves his children and cares for them.



From Oksana and me: thank you again!

Rosen, Oksana and Emma