

# MINISTRY IN EASTERN UKRAINE



Dear Family and Friends:

How is your summer so far? We hope you have had a good restful warm summer and are enjoying your family.

We are doing well. Oksana is home with Emma most of the time, and I am busy doing ministry. Emma just turned eight months old one week ago. She is growing fast.

Oksana is packing shoe box for soldier with goodies like energy bars. She writes a personal note to the recipient. We

do not know who will receive a given box; it is like the Operation Christmas Child program. One of our leaders at the base started this movement, and many people have filled boxes (over 500 so far), which he will take to the soldiers beginning of September.

It's been a busy summer for me. In June I helped host a team from Omaha, Nebraska. They helped with medical stuff and also with a remodel of a school that will be used to house 60 refugees from Eastern Ukraine. Those refugees have lost everything. I helped translate for the medical and construction teams. I really enjoyed translating for the medical team; I got to pray with them and heard so many stories of their efforts in helping broken people from this war.



In our last newsletter I mentioned the warehouse that was hit in our city, Ternopil. I took the team from Omaha, Nebraska and showed them the warehouse that was hit by a rocket and told them that we use to get a lot of humanitarian aid from that building. It was sad to see this site – knowing what it used to be and what it is now. It is just horrible what people are going through and how this war has impacted thousands and thousands of people. Any war is just pure evil. People suffer emotionally and physically, and many innocent people die.



During the past month, I went twice to Eastern Ukraine – to Mykolaiv, to Kherson Region, and to Chornobaivka. We delivered supplies like water pumps, drinking water filters, sheets, pillows and blankets, and other much-needed items. My first trip there was just fifteen days after the dam there was blown up by the Russians. That's when we brought the water pumps and the drinking water filters. Most of the homes were destroyed. People were drying stuff out so they can live at home. We were able to help



them some. It was so sad to see the devastation. Walls are damaged, windows are wet and rotting; they told us they are going to rebuild as there is no other place to go. During my second trip we brought clothes, toiletries, and bedding. People have lost everything, and they still want to stay and live in their homes and villages. It was awful to see all the damage. The smell was terrible, but people are living in those conditions. But there is help; USA body of Christ and churches in Ukraine are doing so much to raise and donate funds for rebuilding.

As a schedule for our family, we live in uncertainty every day. We are living day to day right now with this war. We have air sirens sometimes 3-4 times a day, and we are also in a high-alert scenario with the threat of Zaporizhia nuclear plant being blown up by Russia. I will likely go again to Eastern Ukraine to Mykolaiv, Kherson Region, and Chornobaivka some time again this fall; dates are unknown yet. I will continue to help weekly with feeding the refugees Tuesdays and Thursdays, and we will help host medical and construction teams again Dec 1-10, 2023. Those teams will be composed of people from all over the USA. I am also helping with online Children At Risk school. The school is run one day of the beginning of each month for 9 months.

We have some prayer requests. Please pray for these needs:

- for my travels and my time in Mykolaiv, Kherson Region and Chornobaivka. For finances for my travels to Eastern Ukraine - to cover gas, hotel and food. This will become a once-a-month trip.
- for more stable monthly support for our family and more financial support as we have a child now. Like clothes for Emma, diapers, formula and other stuff. Emma will be one year old on December 16, 2023.
- for protection for our family as we are serving in a war country.



If you can do that, please write checks to: YWAM Accounting and, on a separate note, please specify that the funds should be designated to: Rosen Klepel. The address for YWAM is: YWAM Accounting/PO Box 3000/Garden Valley, TX 75771. You may also make a donation at: <https://www.ywamtyler.org/funddonation?uid=a7de3972-356d-415a-99ee-6b73a3eb1fa9>. You can donate also through our website [rosenandoksanaklepel.com](https://rosenandoksanaklepel.com). All donations are tax deductible.



Thank you for your prayers, support, love, and care.

In  
Christ,

Rosen, Oksana and Emma