

GREAT TIME IN MINNESOTA WITH FRIENDS AND MEETING NEW PEOPLE



Hi Family and Friends:

We are doing well. We have been off to a busy start this year. On January 7th, I (Rosen) left Ukraine to go to Missouri for three days to be with my five siblings and mother to bury my father, Duane, who passed away on October 28th of last year. My five siblings and nieces and nephews came from Thailand, Canada, North Carolina, Missouri, (and Ukraine). It was a great time to be with family, to process Duane's passing, and to reflect on our father and the people he touched and influenced. My siblings rented an Airbnb

that housed all 18 of us. We even got snowed-in one day, and we had such a good time with each other catching up on life and our families.

After time with my siblings and the burial of my dad, I headed to Minnesota to start fundraising for our home and to raise more monthly support for our family and ministry. On January 12th, I spoke at Eastern Heights Lutheran Church at their three services during which I was able to make some new connections. Over the following three Sundays, I spoke and shared what we're doing in Ukraine with people at the three Woodbury Lutheran Church campuses. We thank Brad, Kevin, and Will for arranging the schedule for me to share and speak at small groups and church Bible study groups. I was able to visit with old friends and supporters and to connect with new people who expressed a desire to support our work.

In late January, I went to Peoria, Illinois to meet with members of the medical team who came to Ukraine last year, some of whom are coming back to Ukraine this May. I spoke at the Peoria Area World Affairs Council and was a guest on NPR radio at Bradley University as well as on AM1470 & FM 100.3 WMBD radio stations. You can listen to a 15-minute clip of one of the audio interviews during which I speak about Ukraine and the war. Here is a link to that interview clip: <https://omny.fm/shows/greg-dan-show-interviews/rosen-klepel-for-youth-with-a-mission-ukraine>

One of our supporters also connected me with his church (St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Woodbury), and I connected with people there and started to build relationships with them as well as with people at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

Update On House Project

We are looking forward to moving into our house, perhaps in the fall.





It will be good to have a place of our own in which we can raise Emma and care for others who need a place to stay. We will host groups there, also, as part of our ministry.

To move into our house, we need to finish it. The ceiling is finished, we have ordered kitchen cabinets, bathroom sinks, bathroom cabinets, and Emma's room cabinets, and the flooring will be installed in March/ April timeframe during which both bathrooms will be completed finished. A car port is also needed, as we don't

have a garage. There are a number of items we need in addition to the structural and basic storage features of the house. We still need to fund and obtain furniture (beds, chairs, a table), various items like window blinds, mirrors, and light fixtures, cabinets for the other rooms, and appliances; a TV (\$900), a stove vent (\$500), vacuums (\$300), a freezer (\$900), a stove top (\$600), a dishwasher (\$1,000), a sink garbage disposal (\$450), a washing machine + dryer (\$1,400), a refrigerator (\$1,500), and a battery and inverter to have electricity during power outages (\$1,800).

Perhaps you would be able to fund one of the specific items listed above or contribute in a more general way to our housing fund. (One donor purchased an oven, so we have money for that appliance.) In total, we still need \$29,000 to complete the construction (including the car port) and to purchase those items noted above. We ask that you prayerfully consider offering to fund the purchase of one of the items above or donating to our home fund. You can do this using this link on Spotfund: <http://spot.fund/kh3fqsc>.

What we're seeking in prayer:

- We need more financial monthly support to carry on the ministry here in Ukraine and to help its people who are hurting and suffering.
- Pray for peace for Ukraine and that Europe and the U.S. will make the right decisions for the people of Ukraine and the country.
- It has been three years now since the war started, and Christians, pastors, workers in humanitarian aid organizations, and men and women in our army are exhausted. Pray for strength and wisdom for Ukrainian and world leaders to make the right decisions for Ukraine and its people

Our work is ongoing and important. Please consider contributing to our general efforts in Ukraine via submission of your gift through YWAM Accounting. 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, or you may contribute via YWAM on-line at: <https://give.ywamtyler.org/s/donation?missionaryId=7015f000001K7in> Finally, you can donate also through our website rosenandoksanaklepel.com. All donations are tax deductible.

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

In Christ, Rosen, Oksana, and Emma

