

We would just wish to thank you all so much for your prayers and for your great kindness. We couldn't get through each day without the help of the Lord and without the believers praying and sacrificing so much. It all means everything to us here in Lutsk.

We have had a very busy week but are so thankful that Lutsk is relatively quiet for now. We were warned on the local news that we are still in danger and that we must heed the war sirens. Great to know in the middle of it all that:

THE LORD IS GOOD,

A STRONGHOLD IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE;

AND HE KNOWS THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM. Nahum 1:7

The town is well barricaded at every major road junction. Passports are checked at every checkpoint. We drove to a refugee camp Sunday evening and had to drive in a convoy to all get through together. Ukrainians are doing their best to defend their land.

We are expecting a lot more refugees from the East. We will use the main hall of the Gospel Hall to house them and feed them there too. Olga from Lutsk assembly, her mother has just made it safely to Lutsk and her sister-in-law with her family. They lived on the 3rd floor of a block of flats over in the East and the bombs exploded on and wrecked the 4th floor of that building. God miraculously preserved them.

We had such an encouraging Sunday. The Breaking of Bread meeting was very special. Don't think we will ever forget these very precious times. Meetings were good and Sergei encouraged us in Ministry. Sunday school was smaller as some kids have left for Poland and some are living out in villages to stay away from town. Vadim spoke in the Gospel. We had some extra unsaved in and would long to hear of salvation. We had a lovely meal together and the believers are really happy to be spending a lot of time together. Some UCC kids/teenagers are at the hall all day everyday. It's great to have somewhere where we all feel safe and loved. It's just like a big family and everyone is helping each other!

We were invited to a refugee camp outside of Lutsk Sunday evening. The refugees are all from Kharkiv. We met them all and were overjoyed to find out that at least 20 of them are believers. Can't tell you how we all felt! God encourages us all in amazing ways every day.

Days are extremely busy. Rhoda takes a hour each morning to try keep up with correspondence. We have a great team of helpers at the hall and all willing to do what they can. The Ukrainian believers are amazing. We just love every one of them.

Supermarket shelves are very empty just at present. We are awaiting 3 lorry loads from England and Northern Ireland so their contents will be so useful. Everyone has been so kind and we are really thankful.

We close with sincere thanks to you all for praying and for keeping in touch. We are so thankful to still have electricity and internet. Please pray that we will all have good health and the strength to keep working for the Best of Masters.

Please keep praying.

With much love in Christ,

Timothy & Rhoda.