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This week we have had multiple communications from our brothers and sisters, all in really hard situations because of the bombardment of energy and transport infrastructure throughout Ukraine. Just a few cameos:

- Sister Oksana in a front line town, now seven days with no water, heating nor electricity. And under constant drone attack. She is struggling with pancreatic cancer and also looking after her elderly father there; her daughter and grandson have now managed to leave Ukraine. She says she longs to wash her hair, let alone have a shower. We have visited her several times; here are two file photos of us with her, one outside the [rat and mice infested] air raid shelter:





Oksana's housing area has been heavily hit by drones but her own flat is relatively unscathed, although the surrounding blocks have all been hit heavily and a drone hit the other end of her apartment block. We parked our car by her apartment block, but the cars parked there are all now burnt out after this week's attacks, and the yard full of debris from the drones; her flat is one of the few where the windows have not shattered:



We have managed to send her funds. She was able to buy some painkillers and water is being tanked in, with long lines waiting [often under shelling] to fill bottles and buckets from the tankers, when they make it in.



Oksana is a great preacher of the Gospel, and some time ago we left her with copies of an old edition of the Russian edition of Bible Basics. She distributes them to people she preaches to, but says she finds little good ground for the Gospel as people are obsessed with survival. Oksana says she reads and re-reads it to remind herself of the doctrines of the Gospel, but now has only two copies left. But she doesn't want to give them away because the picture on the front cover, of a smiling Cindy in Summer dress and Evia as a toddler, is the only thing that brings any light and joy to her often dark apartment; she sent us this photo:



- Sister Nina continues with one leg and without firewood and her husband brother Igor in the military, against his will, and without his heart medications. We are still struggling to get anyone to take firewood out to her remote location.

- Sister Svetlana writes that her greenhouse has collapsed completely, making it hard to sow crops, and she is being given food on credit from the local village shop, falling into debt.

- Sister Nana is facing big health issues and really needs to relocate to an apartment, and we've undertaken to fund the rental if she can find somewhere. Her husband [in his 70s] has managed to cut down a tree and they are trying to cut it up for firewood but burning bits of 'wet' wood is not a great source of heat, and creates more smoke than heat.

All these last 3 sisters lost their homes as a result of the war and are now living as best they can in formerly derelict houses in remote rural areas. And so it goes on with so many. Everyone complains of the lack of electricity and heating. And Winter is only just beginning, and the strikes on energy infrastructure are intensifying. Please do continue to pray for them all and for our wisdom in trying to assist.

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A reminder of our upcoming events, Lord willing- the away weekend / retreat at Carrotty Wood December 4-6, Lord willing; and the amazing alcohol free Croydon Christmas Party, Monday December 14th with live music from brothers Nat Stock and Tim Harford Brown!

We drove from one side of the UK to the other this week visiting and baptizing two of our online followers. So much good is coming from the Croydon Pub Church, with the Gospel sounding out worldwide from those meetings in one of the UK's most deprived and criminal areas. The wide

draw of the Gospel's net never ceases to give us a sense of wonder. First there was RAY, from a family of British Asian dentists and doctors, he was the one of the family who turned to Christ many years ago, and has been reading his Bible and growing in the Lord since then. But never found a truly Bible based group whom he trusted to baptize him. He first came to the Lord in Guildford many years ago, so he travelled a long way to be there again and to be baptized in Frensham Ponds, where we baptized Evia 8 years ago now. Such a joy to baptize him. Then there was CHARLES, whose wife left him for another man and he lost his job at the same time. He has fallen on hard times, but returned to his great love of the Bible and Jesus, and sought someone to baptize him. He mentioned this to his cousin, who "happens" to live a few streets away from where we hold our meetings in Croydon. Charles is from northern UK, but his cousin told him all about us- she follows us regularly online but has never yet attended our meetings in person. We never cease to be surprised how many people follow us, even in Croydon, although we are unaware of them. So she put him in touch with us, with the happy result that we were able to drive up and meet and baptize him. Truly the Lord is very, very active if we wish to be workers together with Him.

PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For those in Ukraine at this very intense time of destruction, specifically for sisters Nana, Oksana, Svetlana and Nina
- For our upcoming weekend retreat December 4-6 Lord willing
- For us to find sources of firewood for those who are cold over this coming Winter

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