

The Spillmans

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Dear supporting churches and friends,

We have a new Ukrainian family of five that has started coming to our church! The father comes regularly on Wednesday nights. We ask your prayers for their salvation. They have a church background, but not a clear testimony of salvation. Their eldest also has special needs and that has made it difficult for them to find a place to attend church as a family. We are so thankful that God has given us a family to minister to.

The war in Ukraine has picked up in Kharkiv which is our second largest city. The Russian border is only 18 miles from them and already a good number of civilians have been killed by Russian attacks on civilian infrastructure. Because of the activity in this area, Sumy has also been under attack as well, since they are only 15 miles from the border. Please pray with us for lives to be spared and for the Obrien family, missionaries that we know serving in Kharkiv.

Last week we were at a conference for BIMi in Croatia. On the way there we stopped in Budapest. While there, God brought our paths to cross with two Ukrainian families. Each time we were able to give them a book about the Gospel and a tract. It was such a blessing to see God guiding us to Ukrainians, even as visitors in a city we've never been to before. The conference was in Zagreb, Croatia and it was so encouraging to be able to meet new missionaries in Europe and reconnect with some who we haven't seen since deputation.

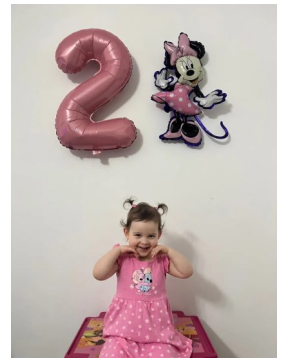
We have some more exciting news! Earlier this month, we began announcing that we are expecting our second child. Our baby boy is due in September. Due to complications at the end of Allison's last pregnancy, and some that have already happened in this one, we have decided, with the advice of our sending church and BIMi, to come back to the States for a medical furlough. We will be returning to the States on June 18th and we are planning on returning to Romania in January 2025. We covet your prayers as we prepare to return to the States. Please also pray with us that the new Ukrainian family will continue to stay in contact with us. Right now, we have plans to connect with them over video calls while we are in the States, and our church has someone in Israel who is helping us make sure they can understand the main service on Sunday morning.

In Christ,

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Philippians 1:27