



### New World, Same Mission

### April 2022 Update

After the opening salvos of WW2, Churchill famously stated: “The Germans have received back again that measure of fire and steel which they have so often meted out to others. Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.” In the early days of this current war, many experts predicted a Russian victory over Ukraine. But after countless loss of life, unspeakable atrocities, five million displaced persons, and the devastation of entire cities, Ukraine has stood her ground and has bloodied her enemy into retreat.

But this is not to glorify the heinousness of war by any means. Our world has disturbingly changed, yet much remains the same as history repeats itself. This war will eventually end, but its end will only be the “end of the beginning,” which marks a new era much like post-WW2 or post 9-11 history. And in this new era, the church is called to the same mission, to proclaim Christ and his kingdom. But we must take care because the “Jericho Road” is no longer an optional detour for specialized ministries; instead, it is now the main highway where we must serve this river of humanity, our neighbors, in their time of need. And I am happy to say that God’s church is doing just that.



Our brave drivers



A refugee family from Donetsk

Aid convoys from our Ukrainian churches in Lviv and Ternopil have shipped tons of supplies to besieged cities in the east. They have also evacuated hundreds to safety using those same vehicles. These brave drivers risk sniper and artillery attacks, and they are now focusing their efforts on the easternmost cities that remain under Russian attacks. Our Ukrainian churches have housed over 3000 refugees in transit, and our Krakow church is hosting many refugees long-term while shipping tons of aid to Ukraine every week. Please continue to pray for and

support this critical work and pray that they can continue to share the gospel in word and deed to these precious people. [CLICK HERE TO SUPPORT RELIEF EFFORTS.](#)



Europe team meeting in Berlin



Prague team

I traveled to Berlin last March for our Europe Leadership Team meeting. We mapped out our ministry goals for the year in light of the war, diminishing Covid, and increased church planting and campus ministry opportunities. I then continued by train to Prague, where I met with our team to minister and prepared for our upcoming move. And in each train station, Berlin and Prague, I encountered hundreds of Ukrainian refugees – almost all were women and children – whose distant stares conveyed anxiety about their fathers and husbands left behind to fight and uncertainty about what the future held.



These refugees are waiting in Prague for the next train to Berlin. Prague was already full, and five million refugees are already in Europe.



Our Ternopil team was able to evacuate my friend's grandmother, Zoya, from Kyiv, and she is now safe with her family in the US.

I leave for Krakow in early May, where we will have our Europe pastors' conference, and I will then head to Prague for one more visit to prepare for our move. We appreciate your continued prayers for increased faith, stamina, and resources as we prepare to reenter a more complex Europe with a gospel that brings healing and life eternal.

Thank you for standing with us. God bless! Mike & Myra

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1. Peace and security for Ukraine
  2. New monthly partnerships
  3. Mike's upcoming travels
  4. New team members for Prague, Tbilisi, Romania, & Cyprus
  5. Visas and church registration for Prague and our other European teams
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