



**... But God**

**August 2022 Update**

I waited a few days after Ukraine's August 24th Independence Day to compose this update because I didn't know what would transpire. Would Putin pour out his wrath on this day in one major push to win? Would my friends survive? But Ukraine remains free Ukraine despite Putin's evil attempt to erase it.

The word "but" often serves to contrast two outcomes when we are in the crucible of conflict and danger. Our circumstances say one thing, but they don't consider our Creator. Scripture contains hundreds of references to "... but the Lord/but God" that give us God's promises, hope, and vision despite adversity.

But You, Lord, are a shield around me,  
My glory, and the One who lifts my head. – Psalm 3:3 NASB



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Just two and a half years ago, Myra lay in a Polish hospital with a heart condition at the beginning of the Covid pandemic. But she is now well and pursuing her Ph.D. in missiology to provide the next generation of missionaries and church planters with better tools for reaching Europe. This was a difficult and uncertain journey, but God...

You learned in our last update that I have prostate cancer, and my treatment started this week. My outlook is good, but such a journey is not always easy. However, the "but God" passages have served as a daily reminder that there is much life to live, and there is much life to give. That is why we continue in what God has called us to do. Oh, and I turn sixty next month! But God!



Eighty doctoral students from around the world



Lunch with Dr. Gregg Okesson

Last week I embarked on my Doctor of Ministry studies at Asbury Theological Seminary with nine other leaders from our ministry, and we are blessed that both Myra and I can continue our studies on the mission field. I will focus my dissertation research on what I already do, determining how to raise up the next generation of cross-cultural missionaries for Europe and beyond.

My medical treatment will be in stages through December, after which we are free to move. In the meantime, I will travel to Europe in September to work with our team on curriculum development for church planters. We are also working on increasing our partnership team that will resource us for this mission, and we are in the process of working on visas and church registration for Prague. The journey ahead is both exciting and intimidating. But God!

Thank you for your continued support for our friends in Ukraine, and we appreciate your prayers and partnership. God bless! Mike & Myra

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### Prayer Requests

1. Peace and security for Ukraine
2. New monthly partnerships
3. Mike's health and upcoming travels
4. New team members and visas for Prague

