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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Greetings from our family and from New Life Church, Tyachiv Ukraine! We hope this letter finds you well and strong in the Lord. With the difficult times we are living in, we must be stronger in God. Let Him to be our encouragement! Let Him to be our hope! He is the One that gives us direction in this seemingly directionless time. We are so thankful for God and His word. His word is timeless and unchanging and we are to hold onto it even tighter.

For us right now, we are continuing to strive on through hardships and victories that (I believe) every church goes through. We rejoice in the small steps of faith that we see (for ex., when an eleven-yr.-old chooses to come to prayer meetings). We struggle and push on through hardships (when church members stop seeking God). We are teaching and fighting in prayer against Satan's war tactics (gossip, judgment, and envy). At the same time, we are striving to love and forgive and teach the church to do the same. For us, Jesus' words, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32), have been an encouragement and promise to hold on to. No matter how weak and small we may feel at times, God will show His strength and bring forth His kingdom!

Please pray for us! Pray God may continue to encourage and strengthen us! Please pray for more workers to join with us in seeking God's kingdom. We believe that there is still a great harvest of souls! We are looking for and praying for Christian volunteers that will be willing to come and join us in evangelical work here. We are especially looking for people that can teach English as a second language. The need for English teachers is huge. It is a great way to start relationships and to share the gospel. If any of you have the desire to do this here, please contact me!!

This summer, because of quarantine, we were not allowed to have the usual VBS camp for small children. Fortunately, we were able to have a camp for older children out in the nature. We are thankful to God for all such opportunities we have! This four-day camp was focused on teaching kids that Jesus is near and that He is our fortress, the One we can run to always. The Lord blessed us with wonderful fellowship, weather, swimming in the mountain streams, sport and games, and campfire talks. We hope and pray that God's word that we taught will bear fruit for His kingdom.

We are well into our fall season ministries such as kids' clubs, and youth groups. The Lord has always blessed us in reaching out to kids and we are thankful for this. We really need prayer for the youth/young adults. How often over the years, as the youth get older, they are drawn away by the world and its values. Please pray for this age group and for strong youth leaders.



Our feed the hungry program is being continued as well. With this outreach, we feed the poor and homeless. We are thankful for the opportunity that God has given us for feeding the poor. We are thankful for this practical way of showing God's love in providing for everyday needs. The people (around 15-20 people) come twice a week to church and are fed a hot meal and listen to God's word being taught. They are also given food to take with them.

Our family has started to build a larger home this spring. The work is continuing for which I am very thankful. I am starting to understand that this work will take much longer than I anticipated (let me introduce you to T.I.N.A. –This Is Not America;-). We ask your prayers and support for us in this. Pray for the work to continue and the finances to do it. Pray for weather to be able to continue the building. Pray for me to have the patience needed. In addition, pray for my husband to have the patience needed for me (when I do not have the patience! :-).

A major change that will probably be happening soon is another addition to our family. I have previously written that there is fourth sister to the three kids we have already accepted into our family. This little girl is still in an orphanage. We hope this winter, if the court agrees; we will be able to take her into our family. Anastasia is one and half years old. She ended up in the orphanage when she was one month old and the mother had a mental breakdown. Please pray for Anastasia and for God's grace on our family. Change is not always an easy process but we trust God and His leading.



Thank you our dear family in Christ! Thank you for your continual support to us all these years! May the Lord bless you all abundantly and may He keep you safe and protected in His hand!

With love,

The Heysti Family

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