



the *Holmes* family

serving the Lord in the country of

UKRAINE



Dear Prayer Partners:

June– July 2021

Wow! What an action packed couple of months this has been! Since our last prayer letter we have had a VBS, I took a trip to visit the soldiers in the war zone, we had family come for a couple of weeks, we had 5 baptisms, we built (almost completely) a nice awning that we can meet under for the warm season, and a Roma (gypsy) wedding! Also, we had our regular ministry activities and excitement. We praise the Lord that He brought us through this very busy time!

We had a great VBS where we were able to reach out to several new families in the area around where we meet. Right after that was over **I left for the war zone**. I try to help out whenever I can with this needed ministry. A brother in Ohio who used to be a missionary in Ukraine heads this ministry and goes to the frontlines every 3 months to preach the Gospel to the Ukrainian soldiers. What a blessing to be able to participate in the proclamation of the Gospel to these soldiers, we had several come to us to tell us that they had made a profession in Christ! They are being followed up with right now. Praise the Lord! I also made a good contact with an atheist that has a lot of questions. I pray that God would bring him to salvation. Please pray with us for Roma's salvation!

Right after I got back from that trip **my father, mother, youngest sister, and grandmother came to visit us!** What a great time this was, as the last time we saw them was over a year and a half previous. The kids had a great time being with their grandparents and aunt and we made some good memories together. The hardest part of serving in a foreign country is being so far away from family. Praise the Lord that He allowed us to have this special time together!

While my family was here, I put them to work. My sister played piano specials for us, my mother sang and gave her testimony, my grandmother also gave here testimony, and my father preached while they were here. It was a blessing to be able to present my family to our works and for our people to see good examples of Christian workers.

During that time we also had a baptism. **We were able to baptize 5 new converts** at that time! I will add pictures and short testimonies of each convert to the email for all of you to read. There is simply not space here for that!

As soon as my family left, we turned our attention in the village to building a large awning, under which we could meet during the warm time of the year, and close in for the cold season. We were able to get most of it finished before we had **our big wedding on the 31-st of July**. That day was also Brittani and my 12-th wedding anniversary. We spent a lot of time helping the young couple get ready for marriage, and the wedding ceremony, then spent all day of our wedding anniversary helping out a young couple bring about their wedding, and make it a special day. We were so blessed to be able to do this!

We wanted to make it a very special day because this young couple was a Roma (gypsy) couple who are striving to serve the Lord and please Him. They are the first one's in their families that they know of, in their family lineage, and even distant relatives, who have gotten married and have kept themselves for marriage. They had so many trials leading up to their wedding, Satan was really fighting. *But praise the Lord, they stayed faithful and true to Him in all of this!*

As most of you are aware, **Brittani is pregnant and will be having a baby towards the end of September or beginning of October**. Her 5th pregnancy has not been easy on her, but praise the Lord, He is giving her grace in all of this! Her mother will arrive here in just over a month to be with us for the birth and a short time after that. We are very thankful that God has given us this opportunity! Please pray with us for the last couple months of the pregnancy (usually not the easiest), and for the delivery (a repeat C-section). We are excited to meet another new baby boy soon! Thank you for your support and prayers! *Until next time!*

By His Grace and for His Glory!

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I Cor 15:58

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Prayer Requests:

- City and Village Ministry
- Regular Evangelism and Outreaches
- Spiritual Growth of New Converts
- God's Wisdom in Making Decisions
- **Brittani's pregnancy**

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