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We hated to ask if he had died. Ever since we got back to Ukraine we noticed that "Peter" was not at church. We knew he was elderly, but he rarely missed church. Nothing had been said, so during the first week of November, Pam finally decided to ask. Peter is the choir director's father, and apparently, was once an accomplished musician himself. We were told that because of his declining health, his family had asked him to stay home for the past several months, ... but this Sunday was his birthday and he insisted on coming to church. Peter was helped onto the stage by his grandson, and then he began, "**I was born on November 8th, 1930. I was born again on August 29th, 1949.**" Peter played his guitar and sang, and although it was not my style of music, we all knew that would probably be his last time to sing in church. We take hope in the fact that God promises a future to his faithful servants.



Update: It was a difficult decision for us, but last month we announced that we felt it best to stay in Ukraine, instead of traveling to the States to update churches this winter. This is due to the risk and difficulty of travel, as well as the frequent closing of international borders. We are still planning and preparing for our mission program. We have been forced to delay the start of this program until, at least March. This past week we admitted two more students into the program. We conducted student interviews over Zoom, and when we finished, "Natasha" told me that her father had graduated from our Bible college almost 25 years ago. I told her that I knew her father and that he had been in our home many times. He had taught Regina guitar when we first moved to Ukraine. - I did not tell her that it made me feel "old" to be admitting a student, who was the daughter of a former student, and who was not even born until two years after we arrived in Ukraine.

This month, Vicka returned safely from Uganda. She had been delayed because of travel restrictions, but upon arriving in Ukraine, she learned that many in her extended family had just contracted COVID.



Thanksgiving: Ukrainians do not celebrate Thanksgiving, but we have always invited students and people from the church over to celebrate with us. This year, things are different. Because Thursday will be a work day at the Bible college, we decided to celebrate with just family on Sunday, before Thanksgiving.

Pray for: The US and social unity, global health concerns, our Bible college, our mission training program, daily life in a changing and uncertain world, isolation as people must separate from one another, and a focus on our eternal Hope.

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