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Ray and Pam Trantham ... missionaries to Ukraine since 1995.



Intense suffering: It is our policy not to comment on the political process in Ukraine or in America. In fact, during the past couple of weeks, I have purposely not watched or read the news reports involving the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, or the differences between Presidents Trump and Zelenskyy. I told someone, "I don't watch the news, because I want to be able to sleep at night." Someone responded to me, "I don't know anything to do, except pray." That is what God asks us to do in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, *"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."* The past couple of weeks in Ukraine, have been anything but "peaceful and quiet."

This morning the headlines read: **"US and Ukraine delegations have begun peace talks in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia."** But the headlines also reported, "Last week, the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine said last Friday was one of 2025's deadliest attacks for Ukrainian civilians, with at least 22 people killed in multiple Russian attacks." The pictures to the right are from Odessa over the past two nights. Regina, Sasha, and grandchildren experience missiles and drone attacks on a daily basis. Sasha drove past the second scene on his way home, as Regina and children were scrambling to the basement. The spats between politicians seem trivial when things explode overhead and your children say, "I can see it out my window."

I am scheduled to return for classes but am waiting to book my flight until the situation become more predictable.



The church remains a beacon of hope in a troubled world, and you are helping to spread the gospel in a difficult situation.

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Help for those in need: The war has made daily life more difficult. Cities and industrial areas are hit by missiles and drones, but those in rural areas are often cut off and isolated. Sasha is from a rural village about two hours outside of Odessa. He and Regina gathered supplies to take and distribute through Sasha's home church. They had to make multiple trips to the grocery store, because when there is an air-raid, everyone has to leave the store, ... without checking out. You helped provide the supplies distributed to those in need. Thanks

Sino is getting married: One of our cross-cultural mission students was named Sino and is from Tajikistan. He has returned to work near the border of Afghanistan and continues to use the training he received in Odessa to minister to Muslims. Part of your financial support continues to help Sino minister in his own country. He recently wrote me and sent me a picture of his new bride. Sino ministers in a region of the world where we are not able to travel. You are helping to take the gospel to this corner of the world.



Yana is a mission student serving in Uganda: Yana arrived in Uganda to serve with one of our other mission students before the war began. She married a local church leader and continues to serve in rural Uganda. She writes: "Thank you, to all who pray for the local people whom the Lord brings to us, so that they may find peace in Jesus Christ and for new workers. This month we have been looking back in a special way, seeing what God has done in His field, and we are full of joy to be a part of all this with you. I think many of you remember how we gathered in Bweyale for Sunday service in a tent where there was not enough space for everyone. In February, we completed the construction of the building, I mean the walls and the roof."



Left: Yana is pictured with her husband and women from her Bible study.

Your giving helps support Sino and Yana and their families.