

"as many as were willing hearted" - Ex. 35:22

October cooled off quickly, we began installing a few wood stoves in frontline villages where there's no gas or electricity, along with humanitarian aid & Bibles. I was also able to repair a waterwell in a village so about 40 villagers could have water! Always amazed how primitive so many live in around frontline areas, Russia having bombed everything to rubble. We also distributed **300** winter coats. **November**, I continued working down on base ministering to soldiers & villagers, returning to Kharkov for church on sundays. Countless Bibles and tracts distributed along with a ton of humanitarian aid. Cathy & I were grateful to take a week off, traveling 800+ miles across Ukraine to spend Thanksgiving with Brittaini and her family. Such a blessed refreshing time together being nearly 1,000 miles away from the eastern front. The Lord knew we needed it because December would be very hard. ***December** saw health crisis' arise, COVID-type viral infection, Bell's Palsy & then heart issues with John, ending up hospitalized and undergoing scans for blockages. I have a few apparently but they're all 50% or less and are being aggressively treated with medications & cardio exercise. Bell's Palsy hasn't gone away yet but most else is "normal", considering the high stress environment. By the end of the month, our foreign fighter unit disbanded, many returning "home", bringing me back to Kharkov for the holidays. Our church still runs 100% attendance, Sergei helping shuttle deaf folks to services in his car. We still have about \$1k left on that, if you'd like to help, God bless you!! Cathy's sign language class has 6 attendees & our deaf are so helpful on sundays with those who are learning Russian sign. The war is worsening, daily our city is struck by C300 missiles, kamikaze drones from Iran and Iskander cruise missiles. God continues to protect our church & people, for which we're very grateful! Looking forward to great things in the new year: "Doing more in '24!"

Cathy's Corner

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Our injured combat medic stayed with us for a few weeks, we were able to secure for him a wheelchair, then able to send him "home" to Germany for medical care. Sadly we learned December that he passed away from PTSD-suicide. Praying with a soldier roadside. As often & wherever possible, I stop and give out pocket Bibles and pray with soldiers. Delivered a ton of food to a frontline village, local unit helped pass it out to 100+ villagers. Cathy & I appreciate your prayers & support as we continue serving here in eastern Ukraine, 24yrs & counting.

Thank you so much you and your family are truly a blessing

19:12



Ok thank you so much God bless you and your a blessing to this unit

14:57



Thank you for blessing me with everything you already gave us ...you truly are the lord's Shepherd

19:29



Hey and if possible I'd like to have a really long talk about god when you come back. I have some resentments and could use some help talking through it

19:23

I'd be genuinely honored



Liked by [redacted] and 34 others

[redacted] Chaplain has got to be the most sincerest person I have ever met. Got to love him.

Text messages I receive as chaplain.

These touch my heart so strongly!!

Cathy & I at Thanksgiving. Blessed!

Sergei's Ordination. So proud of him!

Wood stoves in village homes!!

IFAKs with Bibles to our unit on the

front lines. These soldiers are so

thankful for being properly equipped

and having a Chaplain who is by their

side and available all hours of the

night, when PTSD gets rough for them

The Lord knows what's in store in '24,

but we're going into it with great

effort to see souls saved & lives

changed for Jesus.

Thanks for letting the O'Briens repre-

sent you here on the eastern front.

"Doing more in '24!"

John & Cathy

