



Political talks are an emotional roller coaster for many in Ukraine. Since most of us don't have access to all behind the scene info to understand what's going on... people expect the worse. Here are some sentences I heard "My husband is fighting on the frontlines now, but if the USA will provide support for Russia, we will run away.", "I like Zelensky. I don't think he's a dictator.", "We must fight to get every inch Russia took from us.", "My husband is a medic on the fronlines, he needs a break. He's exhausted. He hasn't taken a break in three years.", "Too many died. I want this to stop."

Lena and I shared similar views... our hope should not be in a man to fix it all, but in the Lord. Just like God hardened Pharaoh's heart so God could get the glory. May Jesus be the only explanation to the end of this war.

At the moment, the war continues to escalate as I write. Many innocent lives are lost. Bombs, drones, mines, including backpacks with explosives... all continue to impact daily life in Ukraine.

Last week we had the joy to host Chaplain Lena from Ukraine and Olea, a volunteer on the frontlines.

Hearing from Olea about living in occupied territory for 4 months at gunpoint (often), made me speechless and helpless to know how to support. Speechless might have been the best gift.

Chaplain Lena works in high-risk red zone areas. She shared how to interact with high trauma people, listen 90% and speak 10%. Great lesson for most of us: be less preachy (avoiding to act like Job's friends), and more of hearing.

Lena shows up alongside the police and firefighters at the freshly-bombed scenes. She bandages the wounded (several people with a stub of arm left from explosion), she listens, comforts, and prays for people.

She also preaches for small congregations (shortage of pastors). She fundraises constantly for the soldiers needs. She continues to get certified as a psychologist to add to the chaplain one. Takes trips to Ground Zero areas, where the fights are face-to-face. And much more. We had them for the week. Although it was hard for them to disconnect completely, these periodical breaks are needed. Pray for their safety.

## **Romania In The News**



Romania continues to make international news due to annulled presidential elections, now for detaining Mr. Georgescu to due allegations of fascist-like propaganda.

In spite of all that, he continues to be viewed as a hero by lots of Romanians. Internationally, he's portrayed as a family man who talks about faith and believes in Jesus Christ.

After listening to full interviews with Mr. Georgescu in Romanian, I strongly disagree with his pro-Russia policies, and against-Ukraine views. But I still don't believe it's right for Romanian government to annul elections, and cancel him just because we don't like what he says.

You sense the pulse of the nation based on the leader they choose. The people want faith and family to be at the center of the culture. Yet, due to lack of discernment and lack of better choices, people choose to side with this man who speaks non-sense with confidence.

I heard a pastor say that "Worst kind of lies are the ones that have seeds of truth." So is true with all Mr. Georgescu talks about. He talks about family values, and pronounces often the name of Jesus which makes it easy for people to trust his lies.

Please pray for Romania's upcoming elections.

## Level Up





Inspired from a missionary friend, we too decided to see our age as the next Level Up like in a game. Maybe that's a lame attempt to be cool for Gen Z. As a Millennial, I find it cool.

February 27th, we celebrated Bill moving up to LEVEL 56. We had a family focused day. Very refreshing after months of hospitals, ministry, and church events.

What I love most about my teddy bear is that what he preaches on the stage, he lives at home; he leads by serving; and he pauses for family no matter how busy he is.

**Best Gift For Our Girls: Boredom** 



I heard someone say that the best gift we can give our kids is boredom. That's when they itch for novelty. We refuse to stifle it with a phone, or a remote in hands... kids brain shuts off.

Our family decided early on that our kids will not access phones till they are adults. They are tech savy without wasting time on it. For us technology is a tool, not a toy. As John Piper described it once "The phone is like a



donkey. It either carries your load, or it keeps you in place."

The beauty of our girls not owning a smart phone is that they still make creative cards, are book worms, are eager to play family games, joyfully engage in deep conversations, never in a rush to get rid of us, and not hiding in their rooms.

Bella has been testing sourdough recipes... croissants, blueberry crumble. Also made us flavored ice coffee, and a super tasty turmeric- ginger- honey-apple drink. (Need to increase our workout time).

## **Ministry Highlights**



At the church in Bucharest, Bill has resumed his responsibilities after a couple of months of limited work due to the blood clot at his heart. Praise Jesus Bill is doing well and back to full time ministry.

On Sunday, our Nepalese fellowship celebrated 3 years since its birth from our community. We love to see our "son" John lead well alongside a committed team. This baby church is our pride and joy.

We would love to see John be fully supported so he could focus on church planting (as he already does) in Romania and Europe. If you know individuals or churches interested to support John on a monthly basis to give him freedom to minister to the Nepalese Community in Romania and Europe, please let us know. We need 10 people to give \$100/ month.

There's a shortage of full-time leaders in this community, because they come to Europe to work the jobs Europeans don't want. They don't get visas for religious purposes.

John has a unique opportunity to stay in Romania and possibly bring his family too, so they could serve together this growing ministry.



My personal highlight ministry is working with the Young Professionals every other Saturday. We took a book some didn't know existed and we are learning to study it in a fun, practical way... going beyond surface level.

We are also learning to sum up the Bible in 14 words to get us acquainted with the chronological Narrative of the Bible.

Although we're all grown adults... we have been using "arts and crafts" to make it visual.

We also talked about 2 major ways of studying the Bible:

- RAKING, reading for breadth, like a novel.
- DIGGING, reading for depth.

As John Piper would tell his boys when bored reading a difficult book: "Raking is easy, but all you get is leaves; digging is hard, but you might find diamonds." (page 10) Future Grace, John Piper

May the Lord stir in us a burning desire to rake and dig the Scriptures with the joy of a child.

## **Health Ministry**



Starting with the month of October, each member of our family has had investigations, and hospital trips. Latest patient has been my mom who moved in with us early January, unable to walk.

We praise Jesus that in spite of other cardiac issues, she was able to have knee-replacement surgery and is home with us to recover.

While at the hospital for four days with her, I had my full display of Bible, journals, crayons and background music on. That triggered the surgeon and others to ask questions. I ended up having deep faith conversations with a sweet cleaning lady and was able to give her a Bible. It was a Godordained moment.

As George Muller said it best "God ordains our steps. God ordains our stops."

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