

# The MUZART Messenger

Reaching University Students in Eurasia



## Watching Wars

For over 6 months now we have been watching the war in Ukraine from a distance. We have been able to mobilize some aid and are doing what we can to encourage friends and former students whose lives have been turned upside down. We took Emerge's leadership coach training in May and are practicing our new skills here and overseas (online). We received "travel safety" training for unsafe situations. Our house in Kyiv is a humanitarian hub, and our stuff is still there. (Sadly, our cat died. She was old.) We are waiting for the war to end and hoping to return to Ukraine.

Meanwhile, we are greatly dismayed to find ourselves watching another, different kind of war in the United States. Having spent decades in the former Soviet Union, we know a thing or two about the consequences of Marxist socialism on a society. Such regimes use poverty, propaganda, and persecution to control the people. Recovery is hard, slow, and horrifyingly tenuous. We want to shout, "Wake up, America!"

In *The Lord of the Rings*, which we recently re-watched with our two teens, Pippin begins to think the Hobbits are too small to make a difference in the



great conflict around them. He suggests they just go



(L to R): Ben and our eldest, Alexia, celebrated their 5th anniversary in August. Michael just started 9th grade at Troy Christian. Kristina is returning to university in Cyprus. Eric and Jan were thrilled to have everyone together for one day so we could get this photo. Nick married our 2nd daughter, Anastasia, in June.

home to their comfortable Shire. Merry counters with the sobering observation: "The fires of Isengard will spread ... There won't be a Shire, Pippin."

You grew up in the Shire. (OK, it wasn't that idyllic. But you get the idea.) Perhaps God is calling you to do what you can to preserve it a while longer. Be encouraged! You can make a difference!

May we all fight the good fight of faith as we wait—and watch—with unwavering hope for the return of the King.

## Progress and Prayers

Praise God we now have about 70% of our budget raised for the next term. Please pray the rest in! We need new contacts to find potential donors. Pray for divine encounters. Pray for the right bookings to fill our ministry calendar. (See link, below). Pray for anointing whenever and wherever we speak.

Thank you for your support and earnest prayers. God bless you!



Kristina and Michael took a break from manning our display table when they saw a familiar face at Bethel Christian Church in Parma, Ohio. Jenelle Cozza, guidance counselor for Kyiv Christian Academy, is busy helping displaced families find schooling options this fall while KCA is closed.

**CONTACT US to schedule a missions service or visit.** See <https://tinyurl.com/Muzart-itineration-calendar> for available dates. **E-mail:** [eric@mountainpasses.net](mailto:eric@mountainpasses.net) [jan@mountainpasses.net](mailto:jan@mountainpasses.net) **Telephone:** Eric 937-209-4275 Jan 937-825-7493 **Facebook:** The Muzart Messenger **US mailing address:** 3517 Little York Rd., Dayton OH 45414 **Support Notes:** Give on-line at <https://agmd.org/u/TheMuzarts> or make checks payable to "AGWM". Write on memo line: "Muzart Acct. #2926111". Mail to: Assemblies of God World Missions, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802-1894. 417-862-2781. *Дякуємо!*