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Dear Brothers in Christ,

We hope all is well with you as you strive to serve the Lord in your places of ministry. We are thankful to God for the encouraging time at the recent “Banner of Truth” conference in the UK. Thank you for your prayers for our church.

As you may remember, at the conference we shared about the new situation with many Ukrainians coming to Poland because of the war. We mentioned the Yakovenko family (a widowed mother with five children aged 6-18 and a widowed mother-in-law) who are refugees from the city of Bucha and are unbelievers. We got to know them through a set of



extraordinary coincidences, which we read as the Lord’s providence. For this reason we believe it is our responsibility to do our best to equip this family, whom God has put on our way, in the knowledge and understanding of the Gospel. While trying to help in various ways, we desired to invite them to the church.



However, there is one major difficulty connected with it, which is the distance from the church. The immigration service found a place for the Family to stay about one hour away from Poznań which is located in a rural area with no public transportation, except for a school bus and a company bus once a day. The advantage of the place is a nice big apartment and the possibility of work for Sveta (the mother). The disadvantage is that they do not have a car and none of them has a driving licence, so they are not able to go anywhere nor to come to the Church by themselves. We prayed that they would want to meet for a Bible study. The Lord has graciously answered prayers and now myself (Adam) together with Szymon and some others from our church we travel almost every Sunday to study the Gospel of John in their new home. Although the task is not easy due to the distance, a language barrier and the age differences between the members of the family, yet in spite of these difficulties, we experience the Lord’s

blessing and help to overcome the barriers. They have been willing to meet and seem to be listening. Just recently, the youngest girl, Nadya, asked some very good questions about God, like “does God see me everywhere, even in the bus?” We need a lot of strength and wisdom to be able to continue this ministry.

We would also like very much for the Yakovenkos to join us in the family camp organized by our sister church, where we are going to have several hours of Bible study every day. We suggested they go with us, but they have not made a decision yet. We feel some hesitance on their part, perhaps due to the anxiety against the different religion (they are orthodox, although had some contact with the Baptists in Kiev back in Ukraine), but also there are some objective difficulties that would have to be overcome if they were to go. Older children want to find summer jobs to earn some money, the mother would have to get permission from work to take the time off (she started work two months ago) and also, an opportunity has opened for them to move to a better location and they are in the process of moving. We still pray about it, believing that nothing is impossible for God. Please pray with us that the Lord would open their hearts to the idea of the camp and remove all the obstacles. The only hope for sinners for salvation is to be placed under the teaching of God's Word, and that's why we believe this camp would be so important to them.



Thinking about how to help the family, we felt they may be willing to meet with another family from Ukraine, the Kreshchuks, through which we actually came in contact with the Yakovenkos. The Kreshchuks are a Christian family who are refugees from Irpien; their house being completely destroyed, they stay in Warsaw now planning to emigrate to the United States. We

thought such a meeting might be both an encouragement for the Kreshchuks and a good opportunity for the Yakovenkos to come to our church's Sunday service. Both families responded positively to our invitation and were willing to come. The Kreshchuks came from Warsaw to stay with us for a couple of days and we brought the Yakovenkos by car to the church on Sunday, June 12th. That Sunday also other Ukrainian Christians visited us and joined for the Sunday school and worship service. Afterwards we had lunch together. It was a good day of worshipping, learning from the Lord and of building relationships.



As far as regular church work, the two of us (Szymon and myself) preach alternately in addition to working full time secular jobs. Szymon is an IT specialist and I am a medical doctor. Our church meets once on



Sundays for both children and adult classes followed by a worship service during which there is an expository preaching (currently we focus on the Genesis and 1 Corinthians). During an adult Sunday school we go through Dr. Samuel Waldron's course on Eschatology. Children are taught by my wife and my older daughters who alternate with lessons on the basic bible doctrines, the 10 commandments, the "I am" sayings of

Jesus and the parables. On Thursdays we meet for a Bible Study (we read J.C. Ryle's commentary to the Gospel of Luke) and for prayer.

We commit ourselves to your prayers.

Please pray for:

1. strength, wisdom, and resources for us and open hearts and minds for the Yakovenko family as we study the Gospel of John together.
2. the Yakovenkos to be willing and able to come to the Bible camp, July 23 - 30.
3. the Yakovenkos, that they find a place of living and work that would let them come to the church.
4. the Kreshchuks - for the Lord's leading and blessing as they seek the Lord's will for their lives.
5. our Church "that we might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That we might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God (Col 1:9-10).