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This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. *Lamentations 3:21-23*

It always gives me great peace in knowing that our God is faithful. We have certainly seen in the past year the unwavering faithfulness of God. We have seen God continue to work in the ministry here through all of 2022 and for that we are thankful, and this was with many things added due to the war in Ukraine. Hopefully, these next few paragraphs will sum up the past year.

It would be exceedingly difficult to mention anything about this year without including the many opportunities that arose from the conflict which began in February. This has been mentioned in more detail in previous prayer letters, but it still amazes me how God moved in the hearts of his people since the war began. We were able to give over \$50,000 of aid to Ukrainian refugees. This is far more than we ever imagined doing. Through your generosity we were able to give food, clothing, household goods, diapers, and other items for babies and families. Most importantly Bibles, tracts, booklets, and other gospel literature were distributed to thousands of people. God is faithful.

We also did our yearly Flour and oil distribution with 70 tons of flour and 7,500 liters of oil, which helped hundreds of families during the winter months. Please make it a matter of prayer as this will be done again this winter. With the possibility of higher prices due to the war in Ukraine, this will in turn affect the price of grain throughout all of Eastern Europe.

God has continued to work in the villages within our churches. We were able to see 23 souls baptized recently who professed their faith in the Savior. This reminds us that God is still interested in the souls of men. Please remember to pray for our national pastors as they faithfully minister to the flock that God has given them.

God is continuing to bless our family. As I write this, we are preparing for a nine-month furlough and will be leaving on December 11th and staying until September 2023. We are excited to see family and visit many of our supporting churches. I have contacted many churches already, as we prepare to come in and will be contacting more after our arrival and we get settled in.

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This is an exciting time for us as our daughter Mckenzie, David and the children will be furloughing also. It has been four years since I have seen them, and it will be wonderful to see them and be in meetings with them as well.

Please pray that our travel will go smoothly, and that God will use this furlough for his will in our lives. We are hoping to see many of you and are excited to see what God will do.

I do have one big prayer concern. Over the years I have developed a problem with my knee. Currently my left knee has no cartilage, and I need a knee replacement. We will be looking into this upon our arrival. Please keep this in mind as this will affect our schedule after we get clarity on what will be required to get my knee functioning properly.

In closing, thank you all for your continued prayer and support. We could not be on the field without your faithfulness in prayer and giving.

It is comforting to know that there are people calling your name in prayer and care enough to invest their time and money into your life.

Thank you so much and God bless,

Brother Keith Blalock and Family.