



# The Thomases to Ukraine

...Preaching, Planting, and Perfecting  
in the Slavic-Speaking World!

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Dear Praying Friends,

Russia has begun targeting infrastructure, taking out Ukraine's ability to produce electricity and heat. Swarms of drones are being deployed simultaneously toward a single destination, effectively overwhelming the targeted city's air defense systems. These attacks are propelling this winter to be the most difficult of the war. Humanitarian needs are growing in Ukraine not only due to the war's longevity (almost 4 years), but also due to the uptick in severity. **However, as the mercilessness of war persists, so reports of God's grace abound – a testimony not only to the goodness of God, but to the faithfulness of your prayers.** Dima, pastor of Living Hope Baptist Church in Kyiv, recently wrote of two such examples, Nina and Natasha.

Dima writes, "I approached them for a month and asked about their desire to follow Christ. Every time they said, "We want to, but something is holding us back, and we don't know what exactly." Their faces were full of emotion. I shared the gospel with them again and explained what it means to accept Christ. One day before the service began, Nina ran up to me in joy and said, **"Dima, I must tell you something. I understand, I believe in Christ and I want to be baptized. I'm ready!"** She was very happy. Natasha came shortly after and said, "I also understood and believed in Christ. We want to be baptized." Dima writes that there are others like this who have yet to step out by faith. One of these is Volodya. Prior to the outbreak of the war, he did not attend church; however, for the past three and a half years, he has been coming faithfully. Volodya recently shared with Dima, "I want to accept Christ. I've been coming a long time and I'm thinking about it."

Would you pray for Volodya, and others like him in the "valley of decision?" Compassion for Ukraine's faithful partners have planted the gospel seed, some at peril of their lives. Pray with us for the Spirit to water the seed until fruit is born. One last vital prayer request. We continue to get more requests for aid than CFU can supply. Would you pray for us to have wisdom and consider a one-time financial gift to CFU? Our monthly budget allows us to purchase and distribute aid, plus help with additional critical projects. We have devoted partners who are willing to go, but they need your help. Our goal is to continue CFU at full capacity through the winter, while souls are in need and ready to listen. Thank you for being conduits of God's grace abounding in Ukraine through your prayers and gifts of grace.

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