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...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. Mt. 25.40b

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Dear friends,

for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philip. 2:13

The desire to go to Ukraine during the Passover, which fell at the end of April, was deeply in our hearts. Thank God this desire was realized.

At that time, the Holy Spirit encouraged us to preach the message of the blood of the Lamb Yeshua, which cleanses Israel from their sins. *Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!* (John 1:29)

When we arrived by train from Przemyśl to Vinnytsia, we went to Zhmerynka for a long day, where we met our dear friends in the synagogue. There we could give away vouchers for products instead of food packages. This is a very good solution because these people can buy the products



Meeting in the synagogue

they need in the store, except for alcohol and tobacco. We also used the meeting in the synagogue to announce the Good News of the Passover Lamb. At the end of the meeting, 4 people came to pray for the purification of their sins and the acceptance of the Lord Jesus into their hearts as their personal Saviour and Lord.



Prayer in the synagogue

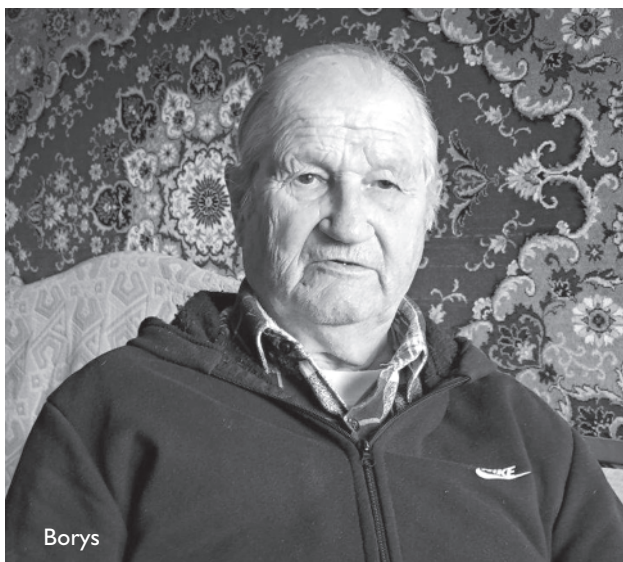
Together with Ema, who is responsible for running the cafeteria and coordinating the work in the Jewish community in Zhmerynka. After lunch



Lunch in the cafeteria

at the cafeteria, we visited some people in their homes.

One such person was 88-year-old Borys. Since the death of his wife, Borys has lived alone. He has a daughter who lives in Zhmerynka with her family. Borys' father was killed on the front, and his grandfather hid Borys and his sister in a pit



dug in the forest for 2 years. At the end of our meeting, we prayed for the blessing and salvation of Borys.

The next people we visited were Sirioza and Galina. Galina had a heart attack and just 6 days before our visit she returned home. Their son and family have been living in Poland for a long time. During our conversation, we tried to talk about Passover and its meaning. Then we asked if they believed in the Lord Jesus as the Passover Lamb whose blood cleanses us from our sins. They both said they deeply believe this. Let us pray that this faith will carry Sirioza and Galina in their lives and always give this living hope of being with Him forever.

Then we went to the married couple, 69-year-old Volodymyr and 70-year-old Galina. They live with their son and his family. They have two grandchildren. Volodymyr has a disease in his legs and



cannot walk. Both Volodymyr and Galina believe in Yeshua.

On the next day of our stay, we went to Mohyliv-Podilskyi, where we met with the Jewish

community in the local Holocaust museum. During this meeting, we were able to preach the gospel as well as hand out vouchers for food products. We could once again preach the gospel of the power of the forgiveness of our sins in the blood of the Passover Lamb Yeshua. At the end of 4 people decided to pray for the forgiveness of their sins and accept Yeshua as their Saviour. We were very surprised that among them was Roman, who is the leader of Sabbath meetings in the synagogue, where he conducts prayer. For a long time Roman had opposed the gospel and refused to hear anything about Israel's salvation in Messiah Yeshua. We have seen in this the working of the Holy Spirit, who convinces us regarding sin, righteousness and judgment. When he (the Holy Spirit) comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness



and judgment. (John 16:8) Let us pray for Roman and others to persevere in their decision.[6]

In Mohyliv-Podilskyi, we visited also some people in their homes. One of them was 71-year-old Zenia, whose health is very poor. He is lying down almost all the time. Thank God he has a



Chesed nurse who comes to look after him. At the end of our visit, we prayed for Zenia and his salvation.

The next person we visited was 85-year-old Sienia. Together with his younger brother and sister Sienia, he survived the camp in Piechory. Sienia lives alone and needs help and care in everyday life. His daughter Swieta, who lives nearby, comes every day and takes care of her father. Swieta's son lives in Israel. During our meeting, sirens sounded warning of another missile attack from Russia, which once again made us aware of the situation in which Ukraine is located. In the end, we preached to Sienia and Swieta the mes-



Swieta & Sienia

sage of hope in the blood of the Passover Lamb Yeshua and prayed for their salvation. [8]

We also visited the 90-year-old Bazia. Bazia has 2 daughters – one lives in Bucha and the other in Kyiv. During the war, Bazia was in the ghetto in Mohyliv-Podilskyi. Then one of the Germans hit her, and as a result, she fell on the sidewalk and broke her shoulder blade. She's had a crooked back ever since. We talked with Bazia about God's love, which was revealed in Yeshua, and we prayed for her salvation. She prayed for God's forgiveness and asked for God's forgiveness as well as for God to be with her every day of her life. After the prayer, a miracle happened, God touched her speech and Bazia began to speak more clearly. Bazia was very grateful for our visit and said that she would pray for us.

The Lord Jesus in His ministry came and searched for the lost sheep of the house of Israel. *I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.* (Mat. 15:24) We are grateful to God for having sent us



Roman & Bazia

into the same ministry as His Son – Yeshua. One of these sheep is the Bazia, with whom we could visit.

Please pray for Ela, who is responsible for coordinating the work in the Jewish community in Mohyliv-Podilskyi. This requires great effort and hardship in the face of growing needs. Mohyliv-Podilskyi's population lives in constant stress related to the threat of the water dam on the Dniester River breaking, which would result in flooding the city. Let us pray for God's protection for this city, as well as for other cities whose population lives in constant fear and danger.

On the next day of our stay, we went to Nemyriv, where we met with Taisa, the wife of Igor – the pastor of the local Baptist community. Taisa told us that Igor had more and more work to do, as many people who worked in this church went abroad.

In Nemyriv we visited the 73-year-old married couple – Vladimir and Margarita. Vladimir has problems with diabetes and therefore has non-healing wounds on his legs. Vladimir's pension is



Vladimir & Margarita

8000 hryvnia (187 Euro) and Margarita 4000 hryvnia (93 Euro). Their daughter and her family live in the Vinnytsia, and their son lives in Israel.

During our stay we were accompanied by Marina and Sireioza, who are responsible for the work in Vinnytsia and in the Vinnytsia district. Marina gave testimony to the meaning of the Passover and the blood of the Passover lamb, and then we prayed for Vladimir and Margarita so that this testimony would reach their hearts.

The next person whom we visited was 90-year-old Sonia, who had suffered two heart attacks. Despite her age and poor eyesight, Sonia still embroiders various images. Marina also told her about the Passover lamb. After that, Sonia said she believed in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and His resurrection. The seed that was sown in her heart is growing, because Sonia has a good relationship with Pastor Igor. Sonia also told us that the Jews were waiting for the Messiah, and they don't know that the only one who will come



is the Messiah Yeshua. Finally, we prayed and thanked God for our dear sister Sonia.

Then we went to Tulczyn, where we met Jura, Rita's son, who had already gone to the Lord. Jura is responsible for running the Jewish community in the city. During the meeting with Jura, we told him about his mother Rita, whom we met before her death. Rita believed in the Lord Jesus and expressed it with the words that we would surely meet Him in eternity. Jura went with us to the cemetery and showed us the grave of his mother.



Cafeteris in Tulczyn

In Tulczyn we had a meeting at the cafeteria, which we opened last year. There are currently 11 people there.

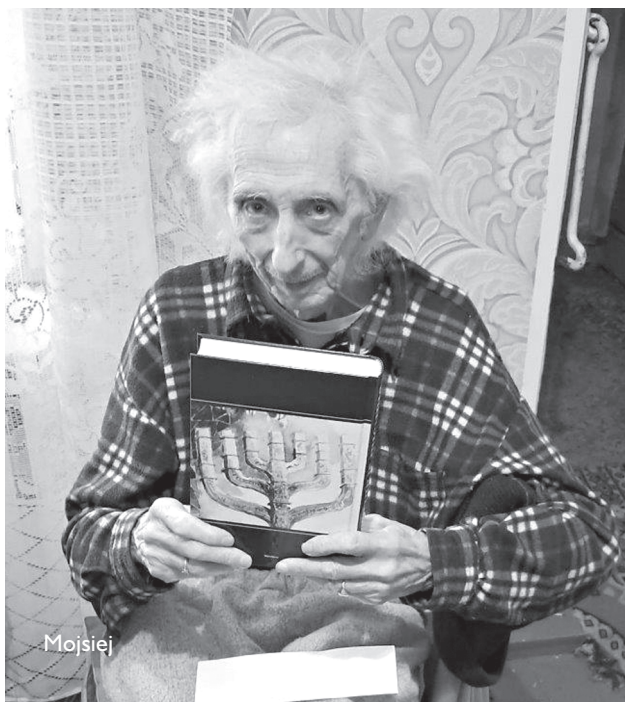
Then we went to the square in front of Rita's house, where people waiting for food stamps gathered. Before passing out the vouchers, we told them the testimony of Rita, who believed in Yeshua as the Passover Lamb. We are grateful to God that all gathered people could hear the gospel of salvation first of the Jew, then of the Greek. ... *it is the power of God that brings salvation to*



Distribution of product vouchers

everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. (Romans 1:16) Let us pray for these people that the seed of the gospel will bear fruit in their hearts.

In Tulczyn we visited 83-year-old Mojsiej, who as a 2-year-old boy was in the camp in Piechory with his mother. Mojsiej did not even want to remember the terrible moments he experienced there. Mojsiej lives with his 77-year-old wife Lena. They have a son and a daughter. Marina again proclaimed the message of the Passover lamb



among them, and Moisiej wanted to pray for the forgiveness of his sins in the blood of Yeshua and to accept Him as his Lord and Saviour. We gave him the Bible and encouraged him to read it.

We were also with 87-year-old Sofia, who lived in Kazakhstan during the war. She worked as a nurse all her life. Her husband died 9 years ago and her only son lives and works in the Urals. Sofia was a close friend of Rita and we could share with her the testimony of how Rita gave her life to the Messiah Yeshua. We also preached a message about the Passover Lamb. We offered her a prayer for the forgiveness of sins, and then her caregiver Nadia came, who was in the kitchen and asked us to pray for her. Nadia sincerely gave her heart to the Messiah Yeshua, while Sofia said she still needs time to understand this



and for it to reach her heart. We gave Sofia a Bible and asked Nadia to read it so that this seed would grow in the heart of Sofia.

We also travelled to Bratslav with packages, where we met with Faina and her co-workers. Faina showed us the Museum of Jewish History, which she opened. Thanks to the generosity of people, she managed to renovate the former Jewish house where the exhibition is located. Together with Faina and her co-workers, we could



have a Seder dinner. Faina is a believer in Yeshua and has a good relationship with Pastor Igor's family from Nemyriv.

The next day we met on the Sabbath in Vinnytsia, where the message connected with the Passover feast was announced. Here too, we shared our witness to faith in Yeshua's redemptive work as the Passover Lamb. Many people were open to the Word of God, and we talked to some of them after the meeting. We are grateful to God that there are regular Sabbath meetings in this city where Jews can hear the Word of God and pray. Let us entrust to God Marina and Sirioza and their co-workers so that they can continue to serve in this ministry. Let us pray in particular for Sirioza, who 2 months ago was involved in an accident while cutting down a tree branch and has a disabled hand. On the same day, we were



able to meet in a common Seder, after which 3 women wanted to pray for salvation.

We also visited 88-year-old Cyla, who survived the Holocaust and for many years led the organization responsible for Holocaust survivors.



At the end of our meeting, we prayed for Cyla and her salvation.

We also went to the married couple – Borys and Rai. Recently, they have become very ill, and Borys was in hospital recently and needs medical care. As a result of various situations in their lives, they feel unforgiveness and bitterness toward others. Finally, we prayed that this sin would be removed from their lives and that they could live



in freedom. Let us entrust this couple to God in prayer.[19]

We also visited 77-year-old Mark and his 76-year-old wife Raja. Mark's grandfather died in Vinnitsia, and his grandmother died in Kalynivka during the German occupation. Mark's father was at the front, and his mother was in evacuation with her little daughter. Mark was responsible for the repair of public transport in Vinnitsia, and Raja worked in a chemical factory. Mark has problems with his blood pressure and joints. They have a son who lives in Kyiv and is a journalist, and his children live in Germany. Raja said she believes in Yeshua as her Savior, while Mark admitted that he still thinks about it but doesn't understand it yet. Let us pray that Mark will understand the gospel and accept it into his heart. *For it is with*



your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:10)

We also visited 72-year-old Marina and her 52-year-old daughter Oksana. Marina's pension is 4000 hryvnia (93 Euro) and her daughter's pension is 2700 hryvnia (62 Euro). Along with them lives Oksana's brother, who has problems with diabetes. Oksana was born with a broken hip, then she had a bad hip surgery and now she has trouble walking. At that time we could also bear



witness to them of the hope that is in the Passover Lamb and the power of His blood, and finally, we prayed for them

On the same day, we went to Shepetivka, where we met Roza and Zinov. On the next day of our stay in Shepetivka, we visited 76-year-old Raja. Together we remembered the beginnings of our work, and when the then 51-year-old Raja was cruelly beaten in her home. For 2 years she lived with a believing family in the countryside, to recover from the trauma she has endured. She currently lives in an apartment we rented. Final-



ly, we prayed for Raja so that her heart would be fully open to Yeshua and she could believe in His love and salvation.

We also met our dear friends in the cafeteria, where we could proclaim the good news of the Passover Lamb. After the meeting, we prayed for Wiktorja and her son Andrej, who are refugees from Kharkiv and live in Shepetivka. We are gra-



teful to God that the local church in Shepetivka took care of them and they attend meetings there.

In Shepetivka we visited 79-year-old Raja, who lives with her 69-year-old husband Aleks. Raja has health problems. She suffers from cirrhosis of the liver. One kidney was also amputated. Aleks has diabetes. Together they raise their 15-year-old granddaughter Asia, whose mother died when Asia was 3. At the end of our meeting, we prayed



for Raja, her health, and that her heart might fully trust the Messiah of Israel, Yeshua.

Then we saw 71-year-old Dora. Her pension is 4000 hryvnia (93 Euro). She recently had an eye surgery for cataracts. She also has problems with polyps in the intestine and every year she goes for a procedure to remove them. In addition, she suffers from thyroid disease. We told Dora about salvation in the blood of the Lamb Yeshua, to which she replied that she believed in God. We told her that if she believed in God, she also believed in His love, which He revealed in His Son Yeshua. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (Ew. (John 3:16) After reading this Word, Dora desired to pray that God would forgive her sins



Dora

through the sacrifice of the Blood of Jesus and invite Him into her heart as her personal Saviour.

During the evening dinner where we met with Roza and Zinow, Roza said that during our stay spiritual breakthroughs are taking place and people open themselves to God and to salvation in Yeshua. Let us pray for the health of Roza and Zinow, who faithfully stand in this ministry in Shepetivka.



Roman, Roza, Zinow & Piotr

We are grateful to God for this time spent in Ukraine, for His grace and goodness, and for each of you who have stood with us in this ministry for many years. Let us pray together that the seed of the Word of God that has been sown will bear fruit in the lives of these people for the glory of God. *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.* (Gal. 6:9)

Shalom from Oświęcim

MARCH OF THE LIVING 2024

On May 6, 2024, on Holocaust Remembrance Day, another March of the Living took place, in which we participated as a group "Friends of Israel from Poland".

This year's March commemorated the 80th anniversary of the deportation of Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the entire tragedy of the victims of the Holocaust as well as the recent pain and suffering of the Israeli people caused by the barbaric terror of Hamas. The continued threat of the existence of the State of Israel and growing anti-Semitism around the world was also mentioned.

Our participation in the March was a very important act of solidarity and standing with Israel during this difficult time, and through the Aaronic blessing badges distributed, we were able, according to God's word, to bless and comfort their hearts. *Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.* Is. 40:1



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