



## Dear Brothers and Sisters

From the depth of our hearts, with great joy and gratitude to God, we would like to share with you a testimony from our most recent trip to Ukraine, which took place in mid-January. Each day of this journey reminded us that the Lord is faithful and that His grace endures despite difficult circumstances.

Thanks to God’s care and protection, we safely arrived in Vinnytsia, from where we traveled daily to cities and towns throughout this vast region. The purpose of our trip was to deliver food vouchers to those under our care.

Although this assistance was delayed – originally planned for the time of Hanukkah – it was received with great joy and gratitude. It became not only real, practical help, but also a beautiful testimony of your care, prayers, and practical love shown to our dear ones in Ukraine. Where food vouchers could not be redeemed, we delivered traditional food packages.

The first town we reached was Kalynivka. There we visited people in their homes. One



Food coupons



Food parcels



of them was 82-year-old Yevgeniya. She lives alone, although she remains in contact with her children who are outside Ukraine. Despite experiencing hatred and antisemitism – even in her immediate surroundings – she draws strength each day from the presence of Mes-



Yevgeniya

siah Yeshua in her life. Her testimony was a deep encouragement to us. Together we read Psalm 91:1–4, which has become a prayer and confession of trust for our dear Yevgeniya: *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.*

*He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler (Psalm 91:1–4).*

We ask you to continue praying for Yevgeniya, that the Lord would strengthen her faith, renew her strength, and grant her health and peace of heart.

In Kalynivka we also visited 91-year-old Raisa. Seeing her, we thanked God for answered prayers regarding her health. She welcomed us with joy and gratitude for the help she



Raisa

received. We encouraged her to continually reach for the Word of God, which strengthens the heart and leads to trust in the One to whom she has entrusted her life: *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of God (Romans 10:17).*

Please intercede for Raisa, that her heart and life would draw ever closer each day to Yeshua – the Messiah of Israel.

We also visited 81-year-old Aneliya, who coordinates the distribution of aid within the Jewish community in Kalynivka. With tears in her



Aneliya

eyes, she said: “We have nothing but gratitude for your attention, help, and prayers...” We pass these words on to you with deep emotion, knowing that it is thanks to your financial and spiritual involvement that we can bring the light of Messiah Yeshua where it is so gre-

atly needed: *Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:16).*

Another town we visited was Hnivan. There we met 68-year-old Yuliya, who has struggled with mental health issues for many years and remains under medical care. We thank God for



the care she receives and for the opportunity to help her. We believe that the Lord knows her heart best and all the struggles she endures. Please pray that the Almighty Lord, through the Holy Spirit, would touch her mind and heart: *For God gave us not a spirit of fear, but of power and love and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7)*

In Hnivan we also visited 86-year-old Alla. After the tragic death of her daughter, she lives alone. When asked how she was doing,



she quietly replied, “I simply endure, and with God’s help I get through each day.” Her words were a testimony of quiet but faithful trust: *For the Lord will not cast off forever. But, though He cause grief, He will have compassion according to the abundance of His steadfast love (Lamentations 3:31–32).*

Another place we visited during our stay in Ukraine was Mohyliv-Podilskyi. For many years we have supported the local Jewish community there through daily meals at a canteen located in the local synagogue. This time, however, we came to distribute food vouchers to all those in need in the city. We met with our dear



co-workers, Frida and Ela. Unfortunately, many elderly people – especially Holocaust survivors – were ill at that time with the flu and its complications. As a result, even those who were healthy were afraid of meetings and visits. Therefore, this time we did not visit people in their homes, but met together in the synagogue while distributing the food vouchers. Please accept from all those who received help in this city warm greetings and expressions of gratitude for the beautiful testimony of your



care and for your prayers. May the good God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob reward each of you for your care and support: *For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for His name in serving the saints, as you still do* (Hebrews 6:10).

Another town we visited was Nemyriv. There we visited Volodymyr, who welcomed us with great joy and gratitude. We have known Volodymyr and his wife Rita for many years and, as much as we are able, we help them with various challenges of daily life.



Volodymyr

In Nemyriv we also met with Igor, the local Baptist pastor, and his wife Taisa. Please pray for Igor and Taisa – they are currently going through a very difficult time related to numerous health problems.



Taisa and Igor

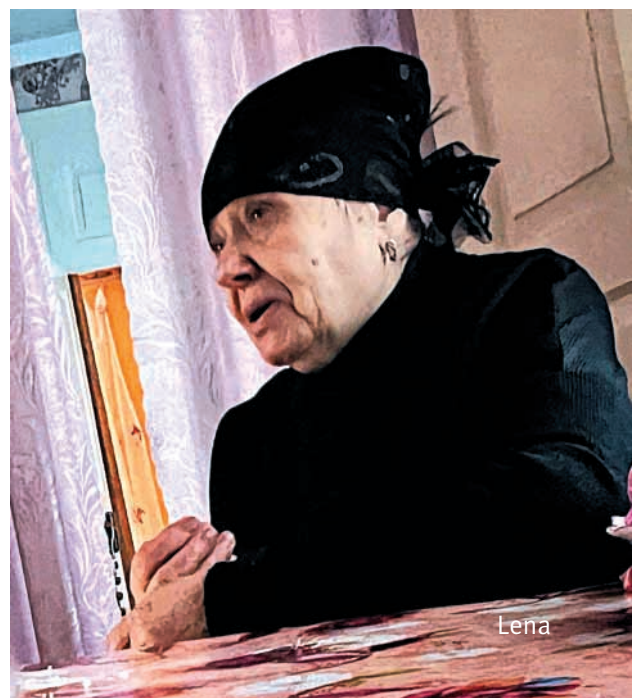
Igor is a beautiful testimony to the local Jewish community, helping and caring for them in their many needs and difficulties: *By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another* (John 13:35).

During our stay in Ukraine we also traveled to Tulchyn. By God's grace and thanks to your care and support, a canteen operates there for the most needy members of the Jewish community in that city. This time we also came to Tulchyn to distribute food vouchers to all those in need. We also visited people whom we help in their homes.



Distributing  
"food vouchers"  
in Tulchyn

One of them was 60-year-old Lena. A few days before our arrival, her husband had passed away, and we found Lena in deep mourning and despair. She shared with us her experience.



Lena

periences and worries, especially the fact that she is now alone with a disabled daughter. At the same time, she expressed gratitude to God for her son, who helps her in the most difficult situations. Together we could pray and ask the God of Israel for comfort and grace in the difficult situation Lena is facing. We also ask you to pray for Lena, and that the Holy Spirit would open her heart to salvation in the Messiah of Israel – Yeshua – who alone can fill the emptiness she is now experiencing: *The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit* (Psalm 34:18).

In Tulchyn we also met 88-year-old Feiga. Feiga survived the Holocaust and belongs to the small group of Jews from Tulchyn who survived a death camp in Piechora. During our visit her daughter Anna came to see her. We were grateful to God that we could testify about Messiah Yeshua – the Savior of Israel – who



Feiga and Anna

deeply loves His people and desires their salvation. Please pray for Feiga and her daughter Anna, that both would experience salvation in Messiah Yeshua: *Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved* (Romans 10:1).

We also visited 90-year-old Sofia. Sofia welcomed us with great joy and gratitude for the help she receives. We spent beautiful moments together, sharing joys and sorrows, and above all what is most precious – the happiness found in the Savior, Messiah Yeshua. Sofia has one son who lives with his family in the Ural region. As she herself confessed, her only dream is to meet her son and his family, to embrace them, spend time together, and



Sofia

enjoy one another's presence. Unfortunately, the war – now lasting four years – makes such a meeting impossible. Please pray for Sofia – for her life and health, and above all that she would find the fullness of happiness in the Savior and Messiah Yeshua: *I came that they may have life and have it abundantly* (John 10:10).

Another town we visited to distribute food vouchers was Bratslav. There we met with Faina, the head of the Jewish Community, who has entrusted her life to the Messiah of Israel – Yeshua. On behalf of all who receive help there, Faina expressed sincere thanks, gratitude, and joy. This joy was even greater because she could say that this help is organized by



Faina

Christians who love the Messiah of Israel and His beloved people. Please pray for the Jewish community in Bratslav. Pray for Faina and her co-workers, that many of them may experience salvation in Messiah Yeshua: *For everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved* (Romans 10:13).

Another town was Sharhorod. There as well our aid reaches people, and we also distributed food vouchers. The distribution is coordinated by Viktor and his wife Gala. They welcomed us with great joy and gratitude and



passed on warm greetings to all who contributed to this help with their hearts. Because of a flu epidemic, it was not possible to visit many elderly people.

One of those who opened the door of her home to us was 72-year-old Luda. She has been alone for many years and still finds it very difficult to come to terms with the death



of her beloved husband, whom she remembers with great emotion. Her son and his family live in Kyiv, which is currently under heavy military shelling. Please pray for Luda and her family, that they may experience salvation in Messiah Yeshua: *Come to Me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest* (Matthew 11:28).

The next town on our route was Bar. Our aid also reaches there, and we distributed food vouchers. We were able to visit several people. One of them was 74-year-old Tina, who shared with us her experiences related to the tragic fate of her parents during the Holocaust. Although both survived, they lost their loved ones in a cruel way. Tina belongs to the first generation of children of Holocaust survivors.



These memories are very precious to her, but they also carry great pain. Please pray for Tina, that she may come to know the God of Israel and desire what is most beautiful – salvation in Messiah Yeshua: *You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free* (John 8:32).

We also visited 94-year-old Galina. Despite the lack of electricity, she welcomed us into her dark apartment, lit a small candle, and together at the table we talked about what matters most. Galina shared her worries and her longing for her son, who has lived with his family in Perm, deep in Russia, for many years. As a Holocaust survivor, she is once again experiencing fear connected with the war in Ukraine. During our conversation, Galina longed for peace in her inner being – a peace not dependent on the situation in the world. With great desire she prayed with us, accepting Messiah Yeshua as the Prince of Peace. How

great was our joy when, in that dark apartment, by the light of a small candle, an extraordinary brightness and joy filled the room. Please pray



for Galina, that her decision would be firmly established in her heart and that her faith would bear beautiful fruit in her life: *For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6).*

In Bar we also visited another Galina, 75 years old, a former librarian. Though she lives alone after her husband's death, she welcomed us with great joy. She is grateful to God for her sons who live in Israel. We talked about books, and then we asked her whether she would like to have the greatest book in the world in her home. She answered yes – and added that she would like to have it in her heart as well. Together we prayed that this would become the reality of her life. Please intercede before the throne of God's grace for Galina, that Yeshua, whom she has received into her heart, would become her best Friend, bringing peace, joy, and light in these difficult days: Your



word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).

The next day of our stay in Ukraine we spent in the city of Vinnytsia, visiting our dear ones whom we help in their homes. Each meeting was an opportunity to experience the faithfulness of the God of Israel and to see His presence even in difficult conditions.

One of the people we visited was Galina. After her husband's death she lives alone and receives help from the Vinnytsia canteen in the form of daily meals. Galina struggles with a serious hip joint problem that increasingly limits her daily functioning. She is currently awaiting surgery, and her heart is full of fears about what life will look like afterward. Thanks be to God, she has a caring son who lives nearby and supports her daily.

When we first visited Galina, she entrusted her life to Messiah Yeshua. This is a very precious testimony of faith, which nevertheless still requires our prayers. Let us pray that her decision to follow Yeshua would be firmly established in her life and that her faith would



grow each day: *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18).*

Another person was 72-year-old Raisa, who also benefits from the canteen's help. She lives in very modest conditions and in great poverty. After her husband left her and went to Israel with their daughter, Raisa experien-

ced a deep nervous breakdown. This shock was compounded by the complete loss of contact with her daughter and the sudden death of her son, which pushed her into depression. Her life today is an example of how desperately we need the light of Messiah Yeshua, who can dispel the darkest shadows. Let us also pray for wisdom for our co-workers in Vinnytsia, that they may build a relationship with Raisa that will bear the blessed fruit of her salvation: *Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven* (Matthew 5:16).



We also met with Oksana and her daughter Aleksandra. God, who cares for widows and orphans, has not forgotten them in their difficult housing situation. Before winter, Oksana was given the opportunity to look after a house, which allows her to live there with her



daughter. The funds they received thanks to you will be used for utilities and necessary medications. Praise the Lord for His providen-

ce: *The LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints* (Psalm 37:28).

In Vinnytsia we also visited 81-year-old Shela. During our visit there was no electricity, which in the freezing climate greatly complicates life for many residents. Shela welcomed us into her dimly lit apartment and humbly said,



“Our situation is such that one could live – if only they would let us live...”. Despite the hardships, her heart remains open to God’s help and comfort. Let us pray that Shela would daily experience the light and peace given by Messiah Yeshua: *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?* (Psalm 27:1).

We also met with Ida and Leonid, whom we have helped for many years. Leonid, suffering from advanced diabetes and postoperative complications, is bedridden. Ida faithfully cares for her husband, though she herself struggles with illness. Let us pray that God would grant them physical strength and health, and that Leonid would experience the work of Messiah Yeshua in his life.

Each of these people is a living testimony to God’s faithfulness in difficult times – times that seem to draw us closer to the fulfilment of His promises to Israel and the nations. We pray that Messiah Yeshua would be light, strength, and comfort for each of them, and that we might be instruments of His love: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction...* (2 Corinthians 1:3–4).

Thank you for your prayers, for your support, and for allowing us to fulfill God's will together by being light in the darkness. May the Lord strengthen us all, guide us, and pour hope into the hearts of those who need it most.

During our stay in Vinnytsia we also visited one of the soup kitchens we support. With great joy we met our dear ones and, during a shared meal – as always – shared the joy of who Messiah Yeshua is to us. We also liste-



ned attentively to everything they wanted to share with us. They rejoice greatly in this help, which is of enormous importance to them, especially in this difficult wartime. They send you their heartfelt gratitude and warm greetings.

In Vinnytsia we also visited 53-year-old Yura, who became disabled after an unsuccessful hip surgery. He cannot move efficiently or take up regular employment, and his modest disability pension has plunged him into extreme poverty. We are grateful to God that we can help Yura in his hardships and very basic life needs. Please pray for Yura, that the word of hope about Messiah Yeshua, sown in



his heart, would take deep root and bear the fruit of salvation: So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:11)

We also visited a married couple: 80-year-old Emma and her 81-year-old husband Borys. This meeting was a great joy and encouragement for us. Emma and Borys have trusted in Messiah Yeshua for many years, and despite numerous ailments and illnesses, they are filled with joy and peace that only the Prince of Peace can give. We thank God that they can benefit from one of the Vinnytsia soup kitchens and from our support in their difficult



living conditions. During the visit, we not only rejoiced in being together but also prayed together, entrusting our lives into the most wonderful hands of the God of Israel, faithful to His Covenant. Please pray for Emma and Borys, that in their old age the Lord would grant them physical strength and health necessary for daily life: *The LORD gives strength to His people; the LORD blesses His people with peace* (Psalm 29:11).

We also visited Zoya, who suffers from a very serious joint disease. Her condition worsens year by year – moving even around her own apartment has become increasingly difficult, and she suffers greatly. We were able to share with her the Good News of Messiah Yeshua and to pray together for her health. Please also join us in prayer – not only for Zoya's health, but above all for her salvation: *He was wounded for our transgressions; He was cru-*

*shed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:5).*



At the conclusion of our stay in Vinnytsia we visited a married couple: 74-year-old Borys and his 70-year-old wife Raya, whom we have known for many years. Some time ago Raya gave her life to Messiah Yeshua. Borys, however, had continued to hesitate in making this decision. During our visit we spoke with them openly and from the heart, once again encouraging Borys to entrust his life to the Savior – Yeshua, the Messiah. [30] These conversations were filled with reflection and accompanied by shared prayer, in which we entrusted them both into the hands of the Most High God. At that time, Borys was struggling with serious health problems. Kidney failure had progressed to the point that he required daily dialysis. Additionally, advanced diabetes and other ailments were diagnosed.

With great sorrow, we inform you that during the editing of this letter we received news of Borys's sudden death, which came as a great shock to us all. We urgently ask you to pray for his wife Raya, who recently lost her mother



and has now also lost her beloved husband. Let us ask the Lord to grant her supernatural peace, strengthen her heart, and ensure that her faith in Yeshua the Messiah does not falter in this time of pain and trial: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid (John 14:27).*

We began our visit to Shepetivka by arriving at the soup kitchen. Each visit to this place brings us great joy and deep emotion, as we are grateful to God that for so many years this place has been supported by you, and that those who benefit from this help can hear God's Word and the message of Messiah Yeshua every day. This is an unbroken testi-



mony of God's love and care, expressed through your generosity and prayers. Many of those we met at the Shepetivka soup kitchen approached us to pass on warm thanks, greetings, and deep gratitude for the help they receive there each day: And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

We also visited our dear ones in their homes.

One of them was 73-year-old Dora. She thanked us from the bottom of her heart for every form of help she experiences in her difficult situation. She is alone – she has no family, and after her brother's death she can rely only on help from the canteen and the Jewish Community. As she told us herself, every day of her life is by God's grace. Because of its location and the presence of air force units, Shepetivka is frequently shelled with missiles. Many times Dora must leave her seventh-floor apartment in the middle of the night and go down to a nearby kindergarten where a bomb



shelter is located. With tears in her eyes, she told us that every time she flees to the shelter, she prays to Almighty God that after the attack she would have somewhere to return – that her home would not be destroyed and that she would still have a place to live. Thus, day after day, her life passes in constant fear of the future. Our visit was a great comfort to Dora. Together we were able to pray and entrust her life into the hands of Almighty God, who alone is able to preserve and deliver. Please pray for Dora – that the faith in Yeshua she once declared would bear fruit in her life, and that the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, would accompany her each day: *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:7).

Another person we visited was 77-year-old Raya. In previous prayer letters we have often



described her difficult situation, but during this visit we once again experienced how harsh her living conditions are. [33] In Shepetivka, electricity is absent most of the day – supplied for only about two hours daily. Because Raya’s apartment is heated exclusively by electricity, piercing cold dominates most of the day. During our visit, the temperature in her apartment was only 4°C (39°F). We thank God that, as much as we are able, we can help Raya – help for which she is very, very grateful to you: *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1).

The last person we visited in Shepetivka was 74-year-old Yeva. She was very happy about our visit. As a believer in Yeshua, she receives every conversation, prayer, and meeting with



great joy and gratitude. Yeva lives alone and struggles with many health problems, yet by entrusting her life to Yeshua she experiences peace in her heart and the assurance that whatever happens, her life is in the hands of the Almighty Creator and the God of Israel. Please pray for Yeva – for her physical health, that she may remain mobile to the end of her days, and that she would continue to experience the Lord’s comfort and blessing: *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?* (Psalm 27:1).

In summary of our visit to Ukraine, we once again thank the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob for His care, protection, and blessing. We also thank you for remembering this ministry in your prayers and for your financial support. We are grateful to God that together we can undertake the task of providing practical help to the people of Israel, who have found themselves in such great need.

May the good God reward your effort, sacrifice, and prayers. May everything we do bear abundant fruit for the glory of God's Kingdom, so that His people may be comforted and His blessing may rest upon us all. Our visit to Ukraine took place during a time of severe frost, yet in the hearts of those we met we saw the fire of hope ignited by the Lord Himself.

Thank you for every prayer, every act of support, and for allowing us to be instruments of His love together: *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up* (Galatians 6:9)

May the Lord richly bless you and strengthen you in every good work.

***Shalom from Oświęcim.***

## **Our dear ones in the Lord Jesus Christ**

We have several important events coming up in the next few months. "Firstly, Passover is approaching, and as every year, we would like to give our older brothers "in faith in Ukraine support in the form of food parcels and vouchers. Every year, thanks to your generosity, we have been able to help elderly people who often struggle with chronic illnesses.

Another event is the March of the Living, which this year will take place on April 14. The cost of participating in this event will be PLN 200 (fees for passes, badges, and buses). Those interested in participating "in the March of the Living are asked to contact the Association.

Then, in May, there will be a "Recreation Project," for which several people from Israel are expected to fly to our country.

At the end of the summer holidays, from August 27 to 30, our annual conference "From the Holocaust to Living Hope" will take place.

Please pray for all these events and projects that lie ahead of us.

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