

**“...all that we have accomplished
YOU have done for us.”**
(Isaiah 26:12)

Ministry



Sharing our story with our sending church Faith in Indiana. We spoke at three consecutive Sunday school groups. What a joy!



Grateful for such a warm welcome from a church in Dothan, Alabama that has not met us before. A family from our church in Bucharest has recommended us to them. Grateful for new connections.



I (Naty) had the joy to teach at the Women's conference in Germany end of April. Topic of the weekend was " Habits of Faith". Our aim was to *ignite the fire* for Scripture and Prayer. Before it all even started the fire department arrived at the conference center because a hairdryer ignited. Our hope was to ignite not burn others. 😊



I shared on Friday night about Ezra 7:10. Ezra was devoted to know the Scriptures, to live the Scriptures, and mentor others. Then on Saturday we had workshops with practical tools on praying and reading Scripture. Here's one unique resource I learned [Grant Horner's Reading Plan](#)



So grateful for our interim pastor who stayed in our home in Bucharest while away. John and Lucy Havelston have done an amazing job counseling, doing baptism, teaching, leading worship... even walking our doggy Skippy. We got connected with them through our IBC Convention of international churches.

Inspirational People

“When we are young, we want to be productive. When we grow older, we want to be fruitful.” This should urge us to read, watch, or listen more for growth than entertainment. Here are two inspiring people worth investigating.

1. [Tozer](#), *Mystery of the Holy Spirit*

“We’ve been given so many gadgets to minister to idleness” Said Tozer, born 129 years ago. His teaching is so applicable today as he tackles “gadgets”, “celebrity Christianity”, “consumerism”, “shallow faith”, “cultural Christianity” etc.

It’s a perfect day to remember A. W. Tozer as he stepped into heaven on a May 12th years ago. During his lifetime he published 9 books. Since his death, Tozer’s articles and sermons have turned into more than 40 books. I ask myself, what legacy am I leaving behind?

2. [Richard Wurmbrand](#), *Tortured For Christ*

It was a few years ago when our home group from church went through the movie *Tortured For Christ* followed by group discussion. That’s when, the Film Director & Producer John and Judy Grooters showed up in our church in Bucharest as they

were filming the prequel movie focused on the story of Richard's wife, [Sabina](#), *The Nazi Years*.

Our church, including our family, got invited to be a tiny part of the movie. Casandra, the Casting Director shared, "No professional actors could have pulled such an authentic scene during the prayer service". (Please don't blink if you watch, so you don't miss us.)

One of the exciting things for us was the privilege to give Bibles to the two main actors playing Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand.

These two films are an amazing resource for a small group. You can find them on rightnowmedia.org or on [Voice of the Martyrs site](#).

News From Our Chaplain In Ukraine



The "Cease Fire" Weekend— Didn't Cease

"During the days of ceasefire, we constantly heard explosions. There were fewer drones and missiles, but didn't stop.

The Russians continue to change the types of mines. First they had mines called "petals", then "gingerbreads" which look like ordinary stones.

Now they have started using mines that react to metal, they contain magnets so they would attach to vehicles and explode. The Russian army is using this against civilians.

They keep inventing new ways to kill humans. It's terrifying."



How To Drive In Ukraine UA

Our Chaplain Lena shared how they are advised to drive.

“We need to drive without wearing seat belts — so that we can jump out of the car as quickly as possible if we spot a drone. These drones can attack at speeds of 140–160 km/h, which is extremely fast. It’s very difficult to react in time — sometimes the only chance is to jump out and, by God’s mercy, stay alive.

We are also told to turn off the radio, have windows down and no music, so we can hear what’s happening around us.

And side mirrors need to be adjusted to see the sky not the cars around you — so you might spot a drone approaching and try to escape.“

In Ukraine, the blind spot is the sky.



Dropping Propaganda From The Sky

Russian occupation forces are dropping propaganda leaflets over the territory of Ukraine on May 9th to grow distrust in the military and political leadership of Ukraine and create panic among the population.

They promote narratives of a “common history” and a “united people”. Russia is trying to use Soviet myths about the “Great Patriotic War” and “warrior grandfathers” to convince Ukrainians that they are united with Russians, and not a separate nation resisting aggression. The leaflets, which often imitate hryvnia banknotes (local money), contain calls for “joint celebration” and an end to resistance.



The Woman Born In 1935

Lena shared with us about a woman she visited in the city she works in.

She was born in 1935 and went through World War II. But she especially remembers the *Soviet Famine of 1947* when people were dying in the streets from starvation. (My grandmother from Moldova was rescued from an orphanage to not be eaten by others).

This woman, who has endured so much, is so grateful that even though there is war again, someone is still taking care of them. Even if she is currently in a building damaged by an explosion from a month ago, she's grateful it was cleaned up and she receives care, medicine, food, and God is taking care of them.

Her story helps me remember that most of the things I grumble about are "*first world problems*".



Our Trip

After being in 24 states, covering over 22,000 miles (not including over the ocean trips) we are eager to get home in a few weeks. We are tired and grateful at the same time.

Some people from our church wrote asking us when we return from our vacation. While we wonder, when can we get a vacation? 😊

Please continue to pray for the church project in Romania. We desperately need a different building to host our multi-language services. **If you know churches and families wanting to make a lasting difference in a multi-cultural context where nations come to us, please spread the news.**

We will continue to be diligent to share and pray.

Continue to Pray



Please pray:

- Pray for strength and rest for our family. This trip has taken a great toll on us.
- For Jesus to provide for a church building for our International Church in Bucharest.
- For the war in Ukraine to stop

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