



Best Laid Plans

Gary had begun to make plans to drive into Ukraine for a week in early July, even before we left for the US, back in May. He had his team pretty much assembled, had scheduled the big church van, and contacts in Ukraine were ready for them to arrive. They had several events scheduled, including Gary preaching at a Foursquare church in Kyiv. What they didn't plan for were important team members having to back out at the last minute, the van having engine trouble, and Gary beginning to feel under the weather the day before they were going to leave. Undeterred, they found a young man in Lviv, Ukraine who was willing to go with them to the east, and the van was fixed at the shop the day before they left. About a half hour into the journey, the check engine light came on and the van slowed to a controlled 15 MPH. The same problem had raised its ugly head. After talking and praying about it, they decided they would take our much smaller van, but only to Lviv to drop off the supplies we had bought, and the rest of the team members. Gary ended up driving back alone the next day, but the rest of the team was able to stay and do important mental health training in Lviv, and logistics work in Tarashcha. When we look back, we see that sometimes things don't work out as planned for a reason, and that the Lord will use setbacks to keep us safe. That week many cities, including Lviv, were bombed (team members remained safe), and Gary became quite ill after returning. We are thankful the Lord was of course looking out for us and our team, and we are thankful for your prayers that help us make the necessary adjustments when needed.

Family Visit



We were blessed to be one of the stops our daughter Elizabeth, son-in-law Shane, and our four granddaughters, Amelia, Harvest, Josephine, and Rosie made when they bought an older Land Rover Defender in England and were on their way to their new home. They had quite an adventurous trip staying at YWAM bases and camping along the way. But by the time they arrived, they were ready for a rest and were able to stay a week. It was definitely a house full of girls with lots of playing with dolls, stuffed animals, laughter, reading books, coloring, playing at parks, some girl drama, and of course lots of snuggles. Shane had to find some parts and do a few repairs on the Defender, and fortunately he and Gary were able to find what they needed locally. Elizabeth and Joy got away to do a little shopping and get their nails done. And there were some awesome meals prepared by

Elizabeth, who loves to cook! All in all, it was a much-needed family visit, before they continued on their way. Being away from family is one of the most difficult challenges of being on the field, so these moments are super important and valuable to us. We are grateful for your prayers for our family. Knowing they are lifted up by you helps us when we think of them and miss them. Thank you!

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