



EUROPE

January/February 2023 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends,

We have had a good beginning to our new year. In January and February we have had two Mission's Emphasis meetings and have been able to see one new missionary family leave for the field. In addition, we have had three departure interviews with missionaries on deputation who are closing out their deputation and getting ready to leave for Europe. It is exciting to see the eagerness and excitement of these new missionaries as they make their departure plans. Some of them have already made a trip to their destination to find housing and settle some of their questions about specific details. We now have only two families left on deputation; one will be done within a few months and the other perhaps one more year. We are so thankful for the generous giving of God's people to speed these men and ladies on to the harvest field.

Many are, no doubt, wondering about the ongoing situation in Ukraine and Russia. We currently do not have any missionaries physically in Ukraine. However, we do have missionaries in surrounding countries, who are involved in reaching Ukrainians with the Gospel. We have missionaries in Romania who have several refugees attending their services, having located in their area. Other missionaries in Romania, located in the northern part of the country, just across the river from Ukraine, are ministering to Ukrainian speaking villages in Romania and the refugees who have crossed into Romania to be with family and acquaintances. We do have missionaries in a couple of countries that adjoin Ukraine and which many believe may well be targets for the spring offensive that Mr. Putin may be mounting. Pray for the war not to escalate or expand to these adjoining nations. There is no doubt that God is in control and will accomplish His purpose. No dictator can do what God does not allow *"The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will"* Prov. 21:1.

We have a full schedule through the rest of the spring. We will be traveling to surrounding states for a couple of conferences as well as special emphasis Sundays. We are looking forward to Candidate School this June as well as the other activities of the summer. We are already making plans for our field conference next year as well as other trips already on the calendar. Please pray for safe travels for us and for our meetings to be blessed of God. As we travel, for whatever venue, unless the Lord's blessings are present, it is a wasted trip. We so want to see God glorified in our service.

We are always aware that as we minister, we are your representatives. Thank you for that honor. We are continuing to do all we can to minister in such a way that you will have dividends for eternity.

Philippians 4:17, "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

Your friends,

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