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**Empowering** people pushed to the edges of life to release their God-given potential

Dear faithful friends,

We thank you very much for your ongoing prayers, which have enabled us to keep going through this unstable and dangerous time. Kyiv is still experiencing regular rocket attacks, especially at night. You may remember the tragic destruction of the Children's Hospital in the summer. So, we really praise God for his daily protection and strength.

Your faithful prayers for us are vital. The church went through a difficult time in the summer. On top of the external pressure that everyone is experiencing as a result of living through two and a half years of war, we experienced spiritual attack through internal pressures and criticism. Sadly, a number of people have left. Then one lady felt prompted to organise an online prayer every evening for the church and leaders and things began to change. We also renewed our quarterly three days of prayer and fasting. In August, we felt God challenging us to dig our own wells to develop our personal relationship with him, not relying on what we hear from others. In October, we were reminded not to compromise by trying to fulfil God's will in our own way or timing. We are very grateful to say that we again experience the wonderful presence of the Spirit of God in our services. We are also encouraged by a full hall again.

The daily prayer chain for the country for peace and protection continues every three hours. Each Saturday we also hold prayer of intercession and repentance at strategic locations around the city such as independence square, the eternal flame, national film studios, the oldest university, communist monuments and Babi Yar – the site where 33,000 Jews were shot in two days in 1941. We have felt God's specific direction and power as we pray to destroy the strongholds.

This year has been quite strange. All the mission trips that we had planned to support the people near the front line were not able to take place due to physical and spiritual attacks. Either the places we had arranged to serve in the east, like Kupinsk, were now too dangerous to go to, or the team was spiritually too weak and not able to serve. Each month we prayed and planned but then had to cancel. Personally, I found this frustrating as we know there is great need and I love being able to bring God's love and healing to those who are suffering.



Panel session at ISAAC conference in Asia.

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**With Jesus  
With each other  
To the edges**



However, there have been other ways I have been able to serve. I was invited to help run a camp for children between 10 and 16 who had a family member who had died or gone missing as a result of the war. Each day we focused on a particular emotion including the negative ones, each age category was responsible for portraying one of these emotions including creating a sketch

to demonstrate. Using Bible characters and personal testimonies we assured them that they were not alone with these difficult feelings. We strived to communicate the danger of bottling up emotions and demonstrate how we could grow as a result of them. There have also been follow up events for the teenagers in the Kyiv region.

A group of eight men from Bedworth drove four vehicles to Ukraine for the army. They had various technical problems en route but made it in time to serve at the church in Marganetz anniversary three-day conference. Three of us from Ukraine joined them for their week in Ukraine to provide translation. Everyone was blessed: the men who came, the church, the army and hundreds of local people. God was very present in the meetings to heal and renew hope.

My highlight of the second half of the year was the privilege I had to serve at the ISAAC's Asia conference (International Substance Abuse and Addiction Coalition). Due to covid it was the first conference held for five years. It was truly international with groups of people from 23 different nations all over the world. The leaders who came were inspired and equipped, so strengthening the excellent work that is being done to bring people to freedom. I met leaders from six nations who are also using Genesis. This has led to further opportunities to serve with Genesis in Africa.

As a home group in TLG (Tabernacle of the Living God church) we have continued visits to support our daughter village church, to be with them for their special events, such as baptisms and harvest festival. Our church continues to support the widows from the war in the Makarov region.

Looking ahead I am currently busy planning for Genesis training in South Africa in February and support for Genesis ministry in eastern Africa. Your prayers are needed for the preparation, participants and execution of these events.

I'm very pleased to say that I will be visiting England again from the end of December, for all of January and the first week of February. As well as trying to see many of you, I will be attending a CMS partners conference and my home church's week of prayer. Please get in touch if you would like to meet up so we can try to arrange a time. I pray I will be able to bring encouragement in all these events.

Finally, as we prepare to welcome the Christ child, may we be drawn this season to fall in love with the one who gave up all to come and live among us.

With gratitude,  
Alison



*Photos from top to bottom: Participants at ISAAC conference; children's cooking class; praying for pastors in Marganetz; new reports about attack on children's hospital.*



## Empowering people pushed to the edges of life

I've been encouraged to hear recent mission stories from around my wider area of work. In South Sudan, communities have taken steps towards peace as pastors from different tribal groups reconciled, and my colleague Joan has shared a growing vision of a new tribe of peacemakers. Read more at [churchmissionsociety.org/empower](https://churchmissionsociety.org/empower)

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