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*The call in action*

Dear Partners,

My hot news is that I am planning to visit England this December and early January. First, please pray for smooth travel over the whole period with all the restrictions that are now in place. Second, do let me know if you would like to meet up at some point. I would like to catch up with as many as I can in person and will be contacting church leaders to arrange live reports. Naturally, Sunday mornings are the most popular, however I often find a relaxed afternoon or evening where there can be interaction with those who are interested is more effective. If there are other events where it would be suitable for me to share please let me know.

Here are the rest of the **summer and autumn activities** that did not fit in my last letter:

In July, we were invited to facilitate a weekend of prayer and fasting with a group of churches in Mariupol by leaders who had fasted with us. They recognised the power of meeting with God through this small sacrifice of undistracted worship. As we have pursued regular three-day fasts over the last five years, we have experienced a gradual growth in the depth and quality of our communion with God. However, we were all amazed at God's grace as he poured out his love and truth with the same intensity we now enjoy, during their first prayer and fasting weekend.

From there a few of us went on to meet with the leaders in a church on the border of the separatist territory. It was heart-breaking to see the ongoing suffering that people are still living with after six years. The church is still daily providing meals, clean drinking water, clothes, washing facilities and spiritual support for people who are trapped in the ruins. Many do not have the resources or will to repair their homes, and meanwhile, bombs are still being exchanged, especially at night.

The senior pastor of this church died of a heart attack earlier in the year. On visiting, we found the leadership team physically and spiritually exhausted, lacking in vision, just trying to keep going. Many were trapped in shock and pain. It was great to join together to seek God and receive his comfort, healing and inspiration. I am very grateful for the friendship that has developed with the widow. She often sends me(!) verses that have been an encouragement to her.

My first evening at the centre I was surprised that no one responded to loud banging on the metal front door, so I naively went and opened it to see who was there, only to see the really loud explosions light up the night sky. I suddenly realised that these were not just fireworks, but could well mean another block of flats destroyed. The tension in the van was tangible as we were driven 40 minutes over tank-destroyed roads to the pastor's home where we were staying. The explosions continued in a nearby city and my heart sank as I saw an ambulance rush by in front of us.



**Name:** Alison Giblett

**Location:** Ukraine

**My call:** To encourage people to trust Jesus with their lives and their pain in exchange for his fullness.

**My role:** I lead the Genesis ministry which helps people replace their destructive beliefs and behaviours with God's truth and freedom. I also help facilitate evangelism with the Holy Spirit Mission in Ukraine and abroad.



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*In August and early September, we returned to two villages where we have invested many **mission trips**.*

The first was a village five hours south of us called Raigorod. The team of 25 were mostly young people, including several teens who had never been on an evangelistic trip before. In the mornings we ran a children's programme, while others of us visited people in their homes to pray and encourage them in their faith. We had mixed reactions from the list of socially needy people we sought out, but in answer to prayer, God gave us some wonderful encounters where we witnessed transformation in ability and countenance as people's faith grew in response to the word of God. In the afternoons, the whole team formed pairs and triplets to share the love of God with people we met on the street or harvesting potatoes in their fields.

Five years ago, our mission team helped start the church in Raigorod, and now, after a change in leadership structure, the leaders and members have requested to be under the covering of the Tabernacle of the Living God (TLG) church.

The second village, Sitniki, is only 40km west of Kiev. We fully believe a church will be formed here, however currently the only evangelical witness is through a home group run by Tanya and Volodya, who manage a small farm holding. They are very hospitable and also make time to be active leaders in our church.

Over Saturday and Sunday, about 40 people from TLG participated in the evangelism, which culminated in a lively concert Sunday afternoon in the village square. Though cold, we praise God that he kept the rain away despite a downpour nearby in Kiev.

### Genesis ministry

During September, we ran a four-day course for people who are over 30 and unmarried, most of whom are over 40. Many singles have been in church for 20 years yet still struggle with fear, loneliness and rejection. Most have grown up with physically or emotionally absent fathers. We explore God's view of marriage, destroy many false beliefs and help people identify and overcome the fears that keep them from openness, trust and commitment. About 40 people from different churches, cities and countries gained much-needed clarity, healing and encouragement.

Again, I am asking for prayer for the trainers. Each group has experienced attack; spiritually, emotionally or physically. We really need your covering in prayer as we release people from bondage.

### Visiting UK

I really look forward to seeing as many of you as I can. Please do contact me so we can arrange to meet. I am looking for a car to borrow to make all these different visits. Thank you for your prayers for all the practical arrangements.

Ukrainians really need the peace, protection and provision that Jesus came to the earth to bring. May we all closely obey his Spirit like Joseph and Mary did in order to receive, provide and protect the precious child they were entrusted with.

With gratitude

Alison



*Photos from top to bottom: The exhausted wanting prayer; young evangelists; praying with Vera and Marina before visiting; praying with the widows*

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