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*Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father, but even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.*  
- Matthew 10:29

War is hard, but God still provides good things to those who love Him. On April 2nd, we successfully evacuated about 20 Christians to the new location in Karapoishe. Refugees from all over Ukraine have found their way to this village, and already, the relocated Christians have been able to offer help, and as they do so, they help in their own healing.

The new location is about 60 miles from Kyiv. Up to this point in the conflict with Russia, this area has been safe. The kids are especially excited to be attending school again.



### Moving Day!

At left, Anya and Yura are traveling to their new home in Karapoishe. The church helped purchase a home for them, but they did not have running water or heat. The situation in Pokrovskoe was becoming too dangerous and they decided they needed to evacuate before making renovations on the new property.



First church service in Karapoishe

Not to be outdone by the adult efforts, the youth group is already meeting in Karapoishe and growing!



Construction is well underway on a barn to house the livestock that is to be transported from Pokrovskoe.



### Meanwhile, back at the front lines

*We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed*

- 2 Corinthians 4:8,9



This verse sums up the sentiment of the congregation of those left in Nikopol. They are choosing to stay till “the end”, whether that means Nikopol will be Russian territory or even their own death.

Our mind may not comprehend this, but it is visible in many who have a strong tie to where they live. It is visible in the stories of the Jews who chose to stay in Persia after they were liberated from Babylon, only to be persecuted once again.

The congregation in Nikopol continues to meet with about 70 attending.

A few miles away, at ‘God’s House Rehab Center’, in Pokrovskoe village, four men still maintain the property and care for the livestock until the barn is finished up north.

The congregation in Pokrovskoe continues to meet with about 15 people attending. Slavik continues to return to Nikopol and Pokrovskoe weekly to conduct services for those who remain.







God continues to watch over his children. Sergei (left) holds up a piece of shrapnel picked up in the yard from an explosion next door.

In April, a drone landed in the neighbor's yard, but the bomb attached did not detonate. Authorities were quickly called, and the explosive was safely dismantled.

Just last week, a member of the church had a missile go through their home. The dog was injured badly, and the home was damaged but no human

was hurt. Prayers are greatly appreciated as these areas are very dangerous.



Recently, we assisted Viktor Shuka with his prison ministry in Kyiv, but funds were not available to do it again as the relocation of the Christians in Nikopol is our priority at this time. He is pictured here with protective gear because of the occasional bombing which still occurs in Kyiv.