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# THE PEREKOTIYS

ODESSA, UKRAINE

SERVING VULNERABLE CHILDREN + UNREACHED PEOPLES THAT THEY WOULD PRAISE + PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST IN UKRAINE + AROUND THE WORLD!

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Usually, in June we are moving into our tiny room at Camp LELA, ready for a summer full of camps! This summer looks a bit different because of quarantines and regulations.

Instead of children coming to us at LELA, we went to an individual family for a week. During the crisis, Yura traveled with our partners at Heritage Ukraine to deliver more than 200 care packages to at-risk families. We prayed + chose a few families who needed immediate help to be a part of Family Project Serve. The first family has 7 children, and the mother, Vadya, was widowed a few years ago. She now has a boyfriend who lives with them. Her children go to the local orphanage for school, but live at home, which is a great sign of positive attachment!

Their ceiling was falling in, no running water in the home + all 7 children were living in the same room. The goal for our team was not to come in, fix things + leave. *We are not the rescuers!* Rather the hope was to show up, complete what we said we would do, + begin a trusting relationship with the family. The team worked hard each day, tearing down wallpaper, building a new support wall, fixing broken walls + installing wiring.



One wonderful teammate Ira led lessons + activities for the children, sharing about



Creation + God’s design for us. Originally it was just children from the family, but on the second day, 25 children from the village showed up! The kids made a cross craft and sang praise songs — how amazing that they were praising Jesus, without even fully understanding who He is?! We pray that this song will live in their hearts long after this summer.



Ira was able to connect with Valya + her eyes filled with tears. She confessed that she did not fully believe that we would do the repairs, but what she saw exceeded all her expectations! Ira also led her through 5 Love Languages with her oldest two children, + Valya said she would be lonely when the week was over. What a blessing Ira was to this family! We hope the relationship continues through future visits.



Praise God for this opportunity! The next family project was much different. We were met with much resistance - there is a huge spiritual battle over the second family with 6 children. Please pray for wisdom + safety for our team. as we continue to work with them over the next few months. Please pray for heart change + understanding for the family. We believe God’s Word that the battle is already won by Jesus!

We need people like you to join us in God’s mission to see vulnerable children + families come to follow Him. *Would you be a part of sustaining what God is doing in Ukraine by giving monthly?*

Thank you for praying + supporting us. We would not be here without you!

*in Christ,*  
--- Madison + Yura

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