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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!

THE PANDEMIC CHANGED EVERYTHING

For 10 months Yura planned for Boys Camp in the forest... and it was canceled. But God had a different plan, and instead, a family was preserved.

A few years ago, Valera lost his wife to alcohol poisoning. He stopped drinking and did the best he could to care for his four children. He could not make enough money to keep their bellies full, and their house was deemed unfit. **All of Valera's children were sent to an orphanage.**

In March, the quarantine came abruptly, and the children were sent home. Social services did not check a single house before thousands of children in Ukraine were put out of the orphanages - would there be sufficient food, clothing, safe parenting, heating, or places to sleep? **No one knew.**

With the Heritage Ukraine teams, Yura delivered food packages to over 800 homes, including this family. Valera desired to keep his children at home instead of in the orphanage, where he saw them only once a month. He was ready to partner with Heritage.



VALERA AND HIS FOUR CHILDREN, AGES 9, 10, 12, 14



THE FAMILY'S OLD OUTHOUSE



NEW OUTDOOR TOILET!

So Boys Camp became a Construction Project! Yura lead a team to get this family's home up to code. **They combined service with mentorship, bringing along 7 teenage boys from a foster home in Odessa.** These boys are being raised by a single foster mother, with little influence from any father figure. They crave acceptance and guidance!



The team drove hours into the village and camped in a field behind the family's home. The family and the teenagers worked side by side with the mentors, learning valuable construction skills. They fellowshiped at meals, during morning devotion, and evenings spent around the campfire. **God poured out his wisdom to the leaders.**

In just a week's time, they rewired all the electrical work in the home. They also put up a wall in the living room to create a small master bedroom for the father and a new living room. They poured concrete and built an outdoor shower, and dug a hole for a new outdoor toilet. The boys had fun ripping up the rotting flooring in the girls' bedroom, mainly because hammers were involved! By the end of the week, they had laid new flooring in the entire house. The kids enjoyed using power tools for the first time (under supervision of course!).

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The four children came to Camp LELA the next week, where they clearly heard the Gospel news! We know that this is just a seed planted. Please pray for it to be watered, bloom, and grow as we continue in relationship with this family.



CHAMBERS (2ND GRADE), LEV (KINDERGARTEN), MILA (PRE-K)

By God's grace, local authorities approved all the construction, and the children moved back home! The village school did not want to have children from an orphanage. After many prayers and meetings with leaders, they relented and the children are now attending school near their house!

Pray for the boys from the foster home - that they would continue to attend Boys Club and connect with our local leaders, and that God would guide them as they grow. Pray for their foster mother, Nona, to have strength and wisdom for her enormous task.

Please pray for Valera as he works hard to provide and parent on his own. Heritage bought them a goat and a cow to start a family farm, and Valera now has a motorcycle, providing the possibility of employment in nearby villages.

This renovation changed the life of this family and there are now four children at home instead of in the orphanage! Family preservation is so important because it is how God designed families, and it speaks to His love for us as our Perfect Father.

FAMILY UPDATE

The "big kids" ride to school each day in our cargo bike, which has become a bit of a spectacle in our area! Chambers loves math lessons and boat modeling class. Lev's favorite class is drawing and he is reading in Russian and English. Mila loves crafts and comes home daily knowing new Russian letters! Remington is nearly 11 months and standing on her own! We all love her bubbly personality.



ME & MY GRANDMOTHER BETTY HALL

My grandmother (dad's mom) passed away on September 17. By God's grace, I was able to travel in time to say goodbye and be with family. My Moms had a beautiful life serving the Lord and others, and now she is wholly healed with our Savior! Remington and Lev traveled with me. We had a great trip overall, but we are thankful to be back home with negative tests for COVID!

Thank you for being part of what God is doing in Ukraine. We are held up by each gift and prayer!

in Christ,
-Madison + Yura



LEV & MAMA ON A DATE TO TARGET



REMINGTON'S 2ND TRANSATLANTIC JOURNEY



ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA