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# THE PEREKOTIYS

## MISSIONARIES TO UKRAINE

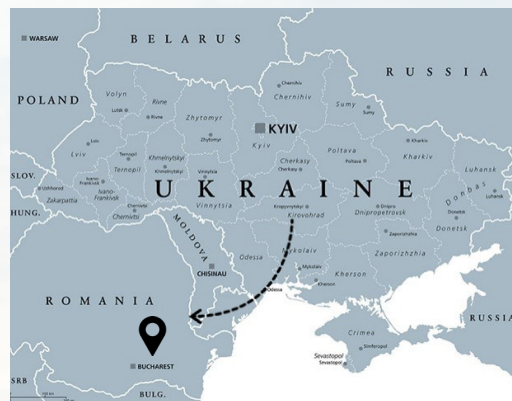
SERVING VULNERABLE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, REFUGEES + THE UNREACHED, THAT THEY WOULD  
PRAISE + PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST IN UKRAINE + AROUND THE WORLD!

*arise + go*  
We are moving overseas!

In 2022 we unexpectedly landed in the U.S. for an entire school year. We felt uncertain, frustrated, and confused. Our hearts were in Ukraine, so why did the Lord have us in America? We followed the Lord's leading to stay, but never could have imagined the ways in which God would fill our hearts. We invested in our marriage, spent time with family, received help with education,

and healed from many years in ministry. Our prayer had been, "Lord we will go where you want us to go." And the answer was, "Wait."

In January 2023, we felt a stirring to pray about the future. The answer changed from "Wait" to "Seek." We prayed, sought counsel, and brainstormed all our ideas onto huge posters. We considered many options, including staying in Alabama. Through discussions with Globe leadership and other partners, we felt God leading us to continue as missionaries to Ukrainians.



Madison's trip to Bucharest last year with Lifeline and (un)adopted kept coming to mind. **A need to help displaced Ukrainians still exists, so is this where God wants to take us?** We decided that Yura and Chambers should go on a trip to Bucharest to meet with organizations and ministries serving Ukrainians in Romania. On their trip, they spent time with new Romanian friends, Ukrainians, and even friends from Odesa! The answer changed from "Seek" to "Arise, go!"



Yura got a whole week with just Chambers! They explored Bucharest and met with potential partners.

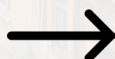
Our family's mission is to serve vulnerable children, families, refugees, and the unreached to bring restoration and redemption in Christ. *After much prayerful consideration, we are certain that to carry out this mission we are to move back overseas!*

We will be serving Ukrainians, based out of Bucharest. **This will enable us to care for our family, engaging Ukrainians refugees with the Gospel and long-term discipleship, while being close enough to Ukraine to remain informed and connected to our partners.**

Whether you have followed our family since we launched to Ukraine in 2018

or only since the full-scale invasion began in 2022, we invite you to partner with us on this journey!

How can you help? Check out the back of this newsletter!



We will partner with UBC22, a Romanian organization serving Ukrainians since the war began. Yura was able to observe a Bible study held at the Refugee Center.





Chambers enjoyed a rare snow in Bucharest while touring his new school!



Yura and Chambers got to see our good friends Roman and Daniella in Bucharest! They used to lead our Deaf Ministry in Odesa.

## WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON OUR TEAM!

First, thank you for reading this newsletter. We are honored that you are already engaged in this story. Here are three ways you can help as we prepare to move!

**1. PRAY:** please pray with our family for God's grace in this transition back overseas. There are many logistics involved with this move, but most importantly we want to honor the Lord and care for our children well. Pray for our hearts to be humble and ears open to the Lord. Pray for a new place to call home in Bucharest and for the kids as they begin a new school year there. Thank you for many prayers for clarity for our family — now we pray for courage to obey. We could not do this without your prayers!

**2. GIVE:** Our family is able to serve overseas because we have a team of partners who give monthly. Every person who gives makes an impact on the lives of Ukrainians and it is a joy that we are not alone in missions! (Phil. 4:10). Would you join our financial partners with a monthly commitment?

**3. ADVOCATE:** we want others to know about God's work in Ukrainian people! Feel free to share this newsletter with friends and family, or invite others to pray and give with you. The Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10), and He has created the body of Christ to work together for the Great Commission (Matt. 28). Advocating for this ministry is a blessing!

*in Christ, Madison + Yura*

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