



Chossen Generation

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June-July 2023

Dear friends,

This month has been full of all sorts of events!

As some of you know, Overtoun House is housing a family of five from the Ukraine. They are staying on the ministry floor of the house.

It has been great getting to know them and their whole family. There is a Father, Mother, a ten year old boy, 9 year old boy and a 6 year old little girl. They are all very sweet and speak a good amount of English. Normally, it would be the duty of the Father to go to war for his country but, because they have three children, he is not required to and can choose whether or not he will go. If a family has three or more children, they are not required to go to war. I know that the Father wants to support his country, but he feels it better to keep his family safe.

They have been here for a couple of months now and are settling in well. The kids are in school and making friends. The parents are going to English classes in hopes to be able to get a job here and will continue to do so by taking summer English classes. Also, the Father is currently taking a computer programming course at one of the colleges.

The sad part is how little they have and how much they have gone through.

In the Ukraine, the father owned his own successful business and the wife has her PHD in history and was a university teacher. To have so much and then to have it all torn away from you- well, it's heartbreaking to even imagine this!

As someone on the board of Overtoun, I had gone to the parents and asked them if they needed anything and if they were doing ok. They expressed to me a few needs, so I spoke to a couple of the leaders at church and the church took up an offering to provide the things they were in need of.

It was so wonderful being able to see their faces when we brought these items to them. They were so grateful!

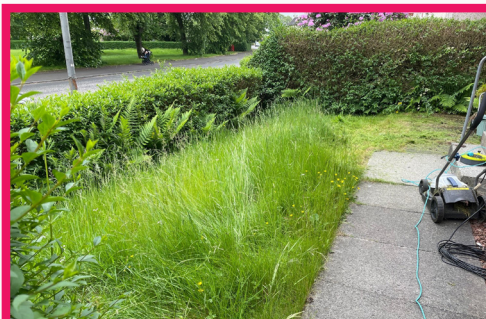
This month, the family has chosen to go back to Ukraine. The father's mother is not well and they have been told that there is nothing more they can do for her. So, the parents thought it important for the



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whole family to say goodbye.

Once they arrived, they sent me a message and told me the crazy and sad stories of what it took just to get to their town.

They had to take an overnight train to their town once they landed in Ukraine and the oldest boy couldn't sleep very well and when the rest of the family woke up the next morning, the son said that he counted six missiles that came and made contact with the surrounding cities while they were travelling through. That next day, the father found out that during the night - there were a total of thirty missiles that made contact in the nearby cities.

An even sadder story is, the mother messaged me a couple days ago and said that they are now bombing the city that they are in. So far, three missiles have landed. They only bomb at night now. She says it is so scary because during the day life is normal and all the shops and things are open but at night, it is so quiet and eery because everyone knows anything could happen. She said to me that everyone is so scared and they cannot wait to be back in Scotland where there is peace.

To me, this is all so heartbreaking!! Before they left, I prayed with the mother and over the family that God would keep them safe and be with them each step of the way. The mother was crying and saying how anxious and afraid that she was. So, my prayer for them each day until they return, is that God's angels will surround them every day and be a wall of protection all around them. Will you join me in praying for them?

In other news; I have been trying to keep up with all of the grass cutting and Paul has been trying to get all of the surrounding trees and bushes cut back for the summer. We are making a good dent in things.

Scotland has been having really warm temperatures this summer and it has been very helpful for us to be able to go outside more often. Whilst it is a little too warm for comfort due to no air conditioning in this country; it has been helpful that it isn't raining all the time.

One of the days, Paul and I went to Helen's house and cut her grass. She isn't able to do it herself and the local council has stopped doing it for her town. So, it was really nice to be able to do this and Paul said that he would be willing to keep it up the whole summer. What a blessing!!

Among the crazy, God is doing great things and we are all very excited to see what He has in store for us next!

Today, I am praying that He will bless you with every good gift and shower you with His favour in all you do!

- Jessica Tomlinson

Learn more about
Scotland here!



After!



Couple of the ladies from the
ladies meeting (left- Rebekah)
and (right- Helen)



Helen and I have been helping Sandra
clean and clear out her house. I built
this for her so she can have a space to
hang her clothes.

