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Yuri and Mila Sountsov

During our mission trip last year, Mila and I have visited a Christian Rehab Center "Mercy and Truth" in Yalta, Ukraine. It is located on a small lot of land belonging to Larissa. Several barracks and huts have been built there of second hand materials and accommodate 50 to 80 homeless people.

Larissa, who considers it her personal ministry, said: "Everybody, who needs help, is welcome. We show mercy and God's love to all people coming to us."

The economical situation in Ukraine is very bad. Finding a job is a big problem. For a homeless person it is almost impossible. Larissa and her helpers keep providing small jobs through their private contacts, but the earnings are small.

Some of the people stay there just for a few days, some months and even years. For a number of them it is the only way to survive, especially in the winter time. Because The Good News is preached there, many became Christians and some even Ministers.

In ten years more than 3,500 people have been helped. At this time their monthly budget is approximately $1,200, or at most 70 cents a day per person to provide necessities (food, water, heating and clothing) and pay bills.

This past Christmas, Mila and I decided to cut our personal Christmas expenses to share warmth and blessings with people who need them so much! We received an e-mail from Larissa and they were able to buy new warm coats and blankets for a dozen adults and two children. It will help them to live comfortably through the winter. Praise the Lord!

We are planning another mission trip to Ukraine in June-July and will see these people again. With their social status it is very difficult to find jobs, but many are willing to work. We'll be grateful for any ideas of business possible with low start-up capital.

With Love,
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"Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will…" Hebrews 13:20-21

Jesus said in Luke 24:44 that the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms were speaking of Him. So Psalm 23 is a messianic prophecy fulfilled through the New Blood Covenant.

The Lord my Shepherd - Psalm 23:1

God compares Himself to a shepherd in order to illustrate His great love for His people. God through Christ and by the Holy Spirit, is so concerned about each of His children that He desires to live, care for, protect, guide, and be near that child, just as a good shepherd does his own sheep (John 10:1-30). The Lord has redeemed us with His shed blood (I Peter 1:18-19), and we now belong to Him. As His sheep we can claim the promises of this Psalm when we respond to His voice and follow Him (Romans 8:14). "I shall not want" means that I will not lack anything necessary for God's will to be accomplished in my life.

He Maketh Me Lie Down - Psalm 23:2

Because of His presence and nearness of the Shepherd, I can lie down in peace, free from all fear, as in green pastures through Jesus, the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit (II Timothy 1:7). "He leads me beside still waters," speaks of the Holy Spirit flowing in our lives as our comforter, counselor, helper, intercessor, advocate, strengthener, and standby (John 14:16-18 AMP).

He Restores my Soul - Psalm 23:3

When I become discouraged, the Good Shepherd revives and re-energizes me through His word and His grace (presence and power). By His Holy Spirit, He leads me down the path of righteousness (doing what is right) and holiness (maintaining separation from the world and sin). My response is a reverential obedience: I hear His voice and follow Him, not strangers (Romans 8:5-14; John 10:3-5; Isaiah 11:1-3 AMP; Matthew 7:13-14; Isaiah 35:8; Romans 6:15-23).

He Is With Me - Psalm 23:4

As believers, God lives inside of us by His Spirit (I John 4:4) and is present in every situation of our life. The "rod" (a short club) is a weapon of defense or discipline symbolizing God's strength, power, and authority. The "staff" (a long slender stick with a hook on the end) is used to draw the sheep close to the shepherd, guide them in the right way, or rescue them from trouble. God's rod and staff reassure us of God's love and guidance in our lives. Thank God for His presence and power in our lives!

He Prepares a Table - Psalm 23:5

God is pictured as caring for my needs in the midst of an ungodly society and forces of evil that are at work attempting to destroy me. In the midst of all this, I eat of the Lord's table in faith, thanksgiving and hope, fully at peace, all because of the supernatural protection and provision made possible through the blood of the everlasting covenant. "Anoints my head with oil" refers to God's special favor and lavish blessing through the anointing of His Holy Spirit upon my life (Ephesians 3:14-20 AMP).

Goodness and Mercy

"Mercy" means God's faithful love and kindness. With Jesus, my Good Shepherd, accompanying me through my work here on earth. With His grace, kindness, and support in every way. That I may endure to the end (Mathew 10:22), see His face (Revelation 22:4) and work and walk together with Him throughout eternity! Amen.

Conclusion

As long as you and I make a decision to trust our Lord Jesus and obey Him, we cannot fail in this life that has been set before us. (Proverbs 3:5-6; John 14:23-24).

Jim's Itinerary

April 1
Winona, MN
New Life Christian Center

April 4
LaCrosse, WI
Living Word Christian Church

April 11
Champlin, MN
All About Him Bible Study

April 12
Savage, MN
AFCM Minister's Meeting

April 13-15
Paynesville, MN
AFCM Men's Retreat

April 17
Cheyenne, WY
Cheyenne Bible Training Center

April 18
Cheyenne, WY
Family Harvest Church

April 22
Bend, OR
Cascade Praise Church

April 25
McMinnville, OR
McMinnville Christian Faith Center

April 29
Eureka, CA
Life Church

May 3
Castro Valley, CA
Joy In Him Christian Fellowship

May 9
Hayward, CA
Heart of the Bay Christian Center

May 13
San Luis Obispo, CA
Agape Church

May 15-17
San Luis Obispo, CA
AFCM FAMILY REUNION WEST COAST

May 20
Redlands, CA
Redlands Christian Center

May 23
Las Vegas, NV
Family Worship Christian Church

June 3
Glencoe, OK
Glencoe Spirit and Truth Church

June 18-21
Willmar, MN
AFCM FAMILY REUNION MIDWEST

June 24
Vergas, MN
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