

FEBRUARY 25, 2022

Dear Friends,

Have you been caught up with the world news about Russia's invasion in the Ukraine? I have been following the news and praying.

For many years American Cru staff served in the Ukraine. I'm not sure how many years ago it was, that the American Cru staff left Ukraine as they handed over the whole ministry to the Ukrainians they led to Christ, built in their faith, and sent as Christ-centered multiplying disciples. Now Cru has over 120 national staff members in Ukraine, some with small children.

I learned that some families have moved closer to neighboring borders. Others have left the country. Still others have decided to stay and continue ministry. Some families have been separated as the husband has been called up for military service. It's a world that's a bit hard for me to fully imagine. Having to decide to stay together or for the women and children to leave husbands/fathers behind.

May God's love, grace, and strength sustain His people in this intense trial.

In January as I mentioned in my last letter, I took a couple of days for prayer and planning. It was a time of honest, deep, and restorative connection with God. It included a lot of singing (I may not carry a tune very well, but it does draw my heart near the Lord), reading the Word, journaling, looking at feedback and input from the team leaders about my leadership and an upcoming time together in April.

People said a variety of things about my leadership and what is particularly helpful. Their thoughts gathered together into a few categories:

- Encouragement
- Focus
- Input
- Know them / their teams / complexities

Please pray as God leads you:

- **I continue to lead in these ways that help the team leaders.**
- **March 2nd - New England Team Leader Connection**
- **I am preparing for our team leader gathering April 5-7.**
- **March is a month of spring breaks for college campuses.** Teams are taking students to reach out to share the love of God in Christ with those they meet.

I cannot fully express the difference it makes having your partnership in the gospel. Having your encouragement and prayers, as well as financial support makes it all possible.

Thank you.

Because of God's love for us,


