ANNUAL MINISTRY & BUSINESS MEETING

June 14, 2026
6:00 PM



DISCOVERY
BIBLE CHURCH

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PRAISE THE LORD!

Thank you for your interest and part in what God is doing at Discovery! Please review and pray over this information. In the interest of efficiency and thoroughness, if you have a motion, questions, or comments regarding any proposals/voting matters, please speak to leadership well in advance of the annual meeting. The primary purpose of the meeting is to vote on matters (versus take time to discuss and debate them in their entirety). If no concerns are expressed on various proposals, the votes will be held by voice. Thank you!

Senior Pastor's Report (Chris Rogers)

2025-26 has been a powerful testimony of the goodness, faithfulness, and grace of God. His Word continues to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, and in His presence there is truly fullness of joy! God continues to lead, sanctify, and strengthen our church family. We've welcomed many new faces to Discovery this past year. We hope you've found a church *home* and a genuine spiritual *family.* And of equal value are the many faithful who've been here "for ages." God has knit us together tighter in a special and profound way this past year, and I can hardly wait to see how He will continue to bond our hearts with Him and use us for His perfect purposes.

My friendship and co-laboring with Pastor Enriko and the men on the Board (and their faithful, godly wives) has been forged to an even deeper and stronger level than ever. How I thank God for this. Thank you also to our whole church family for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and participation as our leadership team shepherds and serves God's dear people, reaches the lost, and strives to steward well His abundant resources.

My personal efforts this past year continue to focus primarily on spiritual and administrative shepherding/oversight of the church with my fellow elders, 75% of the preaching (Revelation, 2-part marriage series, I John, key Scriptures series, holiday focuses, special events, and now the book of Joshua), support of our Church Board, family and marriage counseling, premarital counseling, baptisms, weddings, celebration of life services, our first apologetics conference

[thank you, Dr. Zarra!], attendance at multiple church leadership conferences, and serving on the Baptist Network Northwest Executive Board. My focuses for 2026-27 will largely consist of the same.

On the family front, marriage and family are sweeter and dearer than ever before. With kids ages 4-18, life is a constant adventure and we love it. Thank you for the wonderful blessing you are to my family!

Looking ahead, let us drink deeply from the well of God's all-sufficient grace, increasingly living as "one body." By His grace, we will be humble and patient and true, while also being strong and courageous for the sake of His kingdom and righteousness. Expect great things of God in 2026!

Associate Pastor's Report (Enriko Stigter)

I look back on this past year as a time of much growth, both on a personal level and a church ministry level. God has been very good and faithful in a time of change.

The youth ministry included a study of the book of Job, as well as a series on Christian ethics. Six highschoolers came to the Teen Leadership Conference to be blessed by tremendous teaching.

The 2025 Living Nativity was again a highlight for many in the community. We keep making changes every year to make the Gospel more and more central to the experience, and it has been great to see the Gideon's join us and give out 800 Bibles.

A large portion of my time this past year was dedicated to the conferences we hosted, including the apologetics conference, prayer seminar, and missions experience, which I trust were a blessing to many inside and outside our church.

Music Leader's Report (Paul Hayes)

This has been a year of faith for our musical worship ministry. We started our choir year trusting for new members to join and God provided! I can't think of a more blessed season of choir. Thankful for these servants of the Lord!

The children's choir under Cheryl Rogers and the Ladies' Ensemble under Jen Frizzell have been a tremendous blessing.

As always, we seek to support the congregation each week in their singing. We are honored to do so!

Assistant to the Elders Report (Mac Davis)

In summary, this year of ministry has been a blessing from the Lord. This past February marked my first full year on staff with DBC. At first the transition to this position took some time to adjust to, but we have found a sustainable and fruitful rhythm for the family. Currently I work 2 days for the church and 3 days operating my own electrical company. God has been gracious to us, met all of our needs, and has given us many moments of joy as a family. The season of life that God has our family in with 4 littles, and 1 coming in October is such a joy-filled blessing.

Serving on the church board as a deacon alongside my fellow-laborers is a true joy and honor. In addition, it has been a privilege to follow behind our elders and to see how they shepherd the church of God.

My main ministry priorities at 2 days/week are Young Adult ministries, establishing a Biblical Counseling ministry, following behind the elders, and helping where I can. In the stream of these priorities, I continue to help teach and lead the Young Men's weekly Bible study, disciple men, lead monthly services at the Vineyard Park Retirement facility, help with conferences, and teach Adult Sunday School on occasion. The Marriage Matters and Parenting Matters Conferences were a focus of mine this last year, and they seemed to be impactful events for the church body. In March, Enriko and I began a monthly gathering of men to develop teachers and preachers of the Word. We are excited at how God is going to use this 8-series class in bringing up the next generation of teachers and preachers! Family camp is another item of responsibility that has been my joy to oversee and organize. We loved Camp Gilead last year and cannot wait to return in a few short months!

In the future, I hope to complete phase 2 of 3 for my ACBC counseling certification, continue teaching and preaching where God gives opportunity and pour into the church family.

Ashly and I are so thankful to be here at Discovery and do not take a loving church body like this for granted. May he receive all the glory as we run this race of the faith together!

Membership

New Members

The following have applied to be members. They have attended our Discovery Class and submitted satisfactory membership applications, and one or more elders have personally interviewed each person.

- Bergen Breckenridge
- Jo Breckenridge
- Bob Doremus
- Shannon Doremus
- Robert McGuire
- Betsey McGuire
- Dan Presba
- Cindi Presba
- Esther Roth
- Christine Semerenko
- Brye Utrup

Proposal: The Board unanimously proposes we accept these individuals into membership.

Membership Update

The following individuals no longer attend DBC and have withdrawn their membership:

- Larry Anderson
- Barbara Anderson
- Stan Campbell
- Josephine Campbell
- Christy Case
- Jo Elliot
- Robin Fry
- Gary Horton
- John Hubbard
- Patricia Hubbard
- Valerie Hudson
- Knute Orton
- Matt Quance
- Wendy Quance
- Lucy Scott
- Michael Stevens
- Heather Stevens
- Mark Suko
- Nancy Suko
- Chris Todhunter
- Marion Todhunter
- John Westermark

- William Ibarra
- Ashley Ibarra
- Matt Mathisen
- Cindy Mathisen
- Maureen Murphy
- Gretchen Westermark
- Tony Williams
- Laurie Williams
- Cathy Hodges (now w/Jesus)

Membership Removal

The following individuals no longer attend DBC (and we have contacted them, but not yet received a response at the time of printing):

- Beverly Cunningham
- Mike Guthrie
- DeeAnn Guthrie
- David Kanz
- Christina Kanz
- Daniel Ledwick
- Daniela Ledwick
- Mitzilee Petroski
- Tamara Sorensen
- Mishael Suko

Proposal per the Church Constitution: The Board unanimously proposes we remove these individuals from membership.

Leadership

Elders

Elders are the "under-shepherds" of the local church under Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd, and are servant leaders who will give an account for the flock (Heb. 13:17). They are called primarily to pray and teach (Acts 6:4), guard and lead (Acts 20:28), and be an example (I Pet. 5:3).

An elder must meet the qualifications outlined in 1 Tim. 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 and must be a member of the church. The number of elders chosen is determined by the needs of the church and those God calls to serve in this way.

The elders serve as overseers in the areas of preaching, teaching, small groups, counseling, receiving new members, church discipline, administration of ordinances, music, and general spiritual care. Candidates who aspire to serve in this noble task are observed by the board and interviewed by the elders and attend at least one board meeting prior to nomination.

Deacons

Deacons are godly servants of the local church and help oversee the physical matters of the church. A Deacon must meet the requirements as outlined in Acts 6:3 and 1 Tim. 3:8-13 and must be a church member. The number of deacons chosen is determined by the needs of the church and those God calls to serve in this way.

Deacons serve to free the elders to concentrate on their roles, assisting in the areas of ushering, building and property maintenance, finances, physical care of the flock, serving the Lord's Supper, and other areas of both physical and spiritual need. Candidates who aspire to serve in this noble task are observed by the board and interviewed by the elders and attend at least one board meeting prior to nomination.

Nominations

Our current board of thirteen consists of four elders (Chris Rogers, Enriko Stigter, Paul Hayes, Bob Renckly) and nine deacons (Michael Helland, Loren Beckner, Willie Clark, Mac Davis, Aaron Frizzell, Christian Guidry, Daniel Hunt, Eric Rogers, and Zachary Travis).

The board would like to express their sincere gratitude to Paul Hayes (elder) and Willie Clark (deacon) for many years of faithful, wise, Godly service. These men will not be renewing their board term.

Clay Ciolek has been nominated for elder. Per church policy, he will now enter a 3-month period of prayerful observation by the church. A vote to elect him to elder will take place no sooner than August 31, 2026.

The following men are up for election. Our board finds them to satisfy the Biblical criteria for leaders and are hereby nominated:

- Bob Renckly (elder, re-elect)
- Mac Davis (deacon, re-elect)
- Aaron Frizzell (deacon, re-elect)
- Daniel Hunt (deacon, re-elect)
- Eric Rogers (deacon, re-elect)
- Zachary Travis (deacon, re-elect)
- Josh Mills (deacon)
- Jason Wallace (deacon)

Proposal: The Board unanimously proposes we elect these men to a 3-year term of service.

Appointments

The Board approved the following appointments for the coming year and is grateful for the faithful service of those who minister to our church in these areas:

- Treasurer: Loren Beckner
- Financial Secretary: Sally Helland
- Sunday School Superintendent: Christian Guidry
- Church Clerk: Sally Helland
- Audit Committee: TBD

Financial Report (Loren Beckner)

We praise the Lord for the many individuals who have given sacrificially for the glory of God. One recent example of this was a substantial donation that is fully funding the new children's playset that is being installed. Approaching the end of the current fiscal year, the general fund is running approximately $9,000 under budget.

The below table summarizes the budget to actual figures for the prior 10 months:

	July 25 - April 26		
	Budget	**Actual**	**Difference**
Contributions Income	$ 593,555.12	$ 546,923.68	$ (46,631.44)
Expenditures			
Pastoral	256,846.78	260,549.94	3,703.16
Church Office	24,112.50	25,032.18	919.68
Ministries	16,750.00	10,059.90	(6,690.10)
Church Facility	227,612.50	196,370.53	(31,241.97)
Missions	67,226.67	66,810.00	(416.67)
Other Expenditure (Revenue)	1,006.67	(2,810.83)	(3,817.50)
Net Income (Loss)	**$ -**	**$ (9,088.04)**	**$ (9,088.04)**

In light of the reduced general fund contributions, the board is proposing that the upcoming budget be reduced to align closer with giving.

The following pages contain the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Additional details and analysis will be shared during the annual business meeting.

Proposed Church Budget
Fiscal Year: July 2026 – June 2027

	Annual	Monthly
Revenue		
Contributions Income	$ 672,403.04	$ 56,033.59
Expenditures		
Pastoral		
Assistant to the Elders Salary	37,080.00	3,090.00
Associate Pastor Salary	71,283.45	5,940.29
Associate Pastor Housing Allowance	40,000.00	3,333.33
Conference Reimbursement	5,000.00	416.67
Employer Retirement Contributions	7,964.18	663.68
Payroll Taxes	7,200.00	600.00
Professional Reimbursement	3,000.00	250.00
Retired Pastor Gift	37,272.10	3,106.01
Retreats	650.00	54.17
Senior Pastor Salary	77,109.31	6,425.78
Senior Pastor Housing Allowance	40,000.00	3,333.33
Total Pastoral	**326,559.04**	**27,213.25**
Church Office		
Accounting Software	975.00	81.25
Copier & Printing Expenses	5,000.00	416.67
IT Support	6,900.00	575.00
Office Expense	1,200.00	100.00
Payment Processing Fees	6,000.00	500.00
Telephone & Internet	3,000.00	250.00
Website & App	5,420.00	451.67
Total Church Office	**28,495.00**	**2,374.58**

	Annual	Monthly
Ministries		
Internal Ministries		
A/V Technology	1,500.00	125.00
Conference Hosting	250.00	20.83
Honorariums, Special Speaker	1,800.00	150.00
Ladies Ministry	250.00	20.83
Music and Song Licensing	780.00	65.00
Seasoned Saints	250.00	20.83
Sunday School Material	1,850.00	154.17
Youth Group	200.00	16.67
Compassion Ministries		
Baby Welcome	150.00	12.50
Compassion WA	2,000.00	166.67
Embracing Life	150.00	12.50
Fellowship		
Church Fellowships	250.00	20.83
Family Camp	150.00	12.50
Outreach Ministries		
AWANA Club	3,000.00	250.00
Discipleship Literature	500.00	41.67
Living Nativity	2,000.00	166.67
Vacation Bible School	2,000.00	166.67
Total Ministries	**17,080.00**	**1,423.33**

	Annual	Monthly
Church Facility		
Cleaning Supplies	2,800.00	233.33
Decorating Expenses	900.00	75.00
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	4,000.00	333.33
Insurance	7,500.00	625.00
Kitchen Supplies	2,500.00	208.33
Mortgage Repayments	201,600.00	16,800.00
Property Taxes	170.00	14.17
Repairs & Maintenance	7,200.00	600.00
Utilities,Security,Fire Mon	14,800.00	1,233.33
Total Church Facility	**241,470.00**	**20,122.50**
Missions		
Amesbury, Mary	2,976.00	248.00
BNN	1,236.00	103.00
Dmitriy & Svetlana Ukhanev	1,560.00	130.00
Cooper, Dave & Aleece	5,952.00	496.00
Erickson, Brent & Sarah	5,952.00	496.00
Franklin, Tim & Martia	14,880.00	1,240.00
Gustafson, Mike & Rachel	14,880.00	1,240.00
Magallanes, Juan Carlos & Angelica	4,464.00	372.00
Myers, Stephen & Courtney	14,880.00	1,240.00
Neuman, Lydia	2,976.00	248.00
Novak, Alex & Hannah	5,952.00	496.00
Sagadeyev, Vladimir & Maria	4,464.00	372.00
Waldock, Nathan & Rachel	5,952.00	496.00
Less: Transfers from General Mission Fund	(18,000.00)	(1,500.00)
Total Missions	**68,124.00**	**5,677.00**
Total Expenditures	**681,728.04**	**56,810.67**
Other Revenue (Expenditure)		
Interest Income	4,800.00	400.00
Facility Use Funds from Co-Ops	4,525.00	377.08
Total Other Revenue (Expenditure)	**9,325.00**	**777.08**
Net Income	$ -	$ -

Budget Notes:

1. The proposed budget is a 5.6% decrease from the previous budget.
2. Following his retirement, a monthly gift is given to Pastor Mark Suko. The amount of this gift is determined periodically. No expectation of ongoing ministry is attached to this gift which is voluntarily given in accordance with IRS rules governing gifts to retired pastors.
3. Staff compensation increased by 3%.
4. Brent & Sarah Erickson are a newly supported missionary family in North Africa.

Proposal: The Board unanimously proposes the adoption of the fiscal year July 2026 – June 2027 budget as presented.

Missionary Reports

All our missionaries expressed profound thanks to Discovery Bible Church, its leadership, and all who support them financially and through prayer. For the reports below, they were asked the following questions:

- Where do you serve and what ministries are you involved in?
- What have been some highlights for you this past year?
- How can we pray for you?
- How can people find more information about you and sign up for your newsletter?

Dave & Aleece Cooper – Lima, Peru. Hi, we are the Coopers. We are helping fulfill the Great Commission in Peru through church planting, Bible teaching, and biblical counselling ministry. We love to share God's Good News with those around us as well as invest in the discipleship of Christ's followers. God has put a particular burden on Dave's heart to train leaders in the church both through formal training and through personal discipleship. Aleece's thrill is to share God's love to kids and through women's ministry. We would enjoy connecting with you and sharing more about what God is doing here in Peru.

While Dave's ministry focus is on teaching in the expository preaching program at Seminario Teológico Bautista in Lima, his passion in ministry

is working with men to build community and accountability so that they might be the leaders that God has called them to be. Aleece loves biblically counseling ladies and families to walk with God, but also has a passion for women's self-defense, whether preventative or post-trauma.

A highlight from the past year has been seeing our church grow through neighbors accepting Christ and being baptized. Having 12 students graduate from the Masters program was also a huge encouragement.

We cannot serve in Peru without the prayers, encouragement, connection, and financial support of our North American partners. Donations provide for our needs so that we can live here in Peru, and also support our local church, seminary, counseling, and community outreach ministries.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help please email Dave at dave.cooper@abwego.org. We would love to personally connect with you and share our updated needs so that you can know how to pray for us and how you might get involved in ministry in Peru.

Alex & Hannah Novak – Central Asia. We serve in Central Asia. Our vision is to see disciples made & matured in the context of multiplying local churches. Our work focuses primarily on leadership development: translation of discipleship material and Bible studies geared for current & prospective local church leaders. We also engage in evangelism, biblical mentorship focused on marriage & family, and adjunct preaching.

Highlights this past year are deepening involvement & relationships in a local church. Alex preaches occasionally and we participate in various midweek Bible studies. We are also thrilled our eldest daughter, Lydia, has made a profession of faith. Lord willing, she will be baptized later this summer.

Pray for strength, wisdom, and discipline to manage all the demands of life & ministry. In addition to being cross-cultural Gospel workers, we also wear the hats of business owner, employer, director, husband, father, wife, and mother. Along with ongoing translation projects, Alex is also brushing up on his Hebrew to prepare for writing and teaching an Intro to Biblical Hebrew course for some local Central Asian pastors. We hope the first course can kick off spring of 2027. Also pray that our company can find more client projects and reach a sustainable financial position. This company employs locals and provides visas for 15 expat

Gospel workers including ourselves. Continue to pray for the salvation of our other two children.

Please sign up for our newsletter by emailing us at alexnovakfam@gmail.com.

Tim and Martia Franklin – Natal, Brazil. No report received at time of printing.

Lydia Neuman – Fortaleza, Brazil. No report received at time of printing.

Stephen & Courtney Myers – Mindanao, Philippines. We have been serving in the Philippines since 2022. We are a part of a team that will be church planting amongst a least reached people group on the island of Mindanao. It's estimated that this people group has over 300,000 in population. Our ministry focus is to teach them how to read and write in their language, teach them God's Word in their heart language through chronological Bible lessons, and disciple the body of believers.

This past year we took on a support role to benefit our greater missionary team here. We were able to encourage our coworkers by visiting their language sessions, joining their evaluations, and giving feedback in their journey of culture and language learning. Another highlight was getting more time with our local church here in town. Stephen had the privilege of preaching on Sunday morning and teaching the youth at their Bible club. Our main focus this last year was surveying and gathering more information on potential ministry locations. In April and May, we got to visit a village a couple times as a family. After explaining who we are as an organization and what our ministry goals are, the village leader invited us to move into that village and start our ministry!

Prayer requests:

-For our boys as they start to think more about moving away from town and into the village

-For us as we plan house building

-For wisdom and dependence on the Lord as we enter into a new context

-For the Lord to provide reliable language helpers when we're ready to start that

-For the Lord to prepare the hearts of the people so they are soft and ready to listen when the day comes when they hear the Good News

Thank you so much for your prayers and support! We praise God for you all at Discovery Bible Church.

www.themyersfamily.org / Facebook Group: Myers in the Philippines

Mary Amesbury – Cleveland OH, USA.

My name is Mary Amesbury and I serve in Cleveland, OH with Campus Bible Fellowship, a ministry of Baptist Mid-Missions. I am on the campus of Cleveland State University, an urban university that is primarily a commuter-oriented university. I coordinate the program. Our main Bible study is on Tuesday mornings. I cook a full lunch for the students and lead the prayer time and my Pastor, Pastor Bill Taylor of CityView Church, teaches the Bible study. I also have information tables in the student center a couple of times during the week. Here I engage with more students than generally come to Bible study. I also work with our student officers to maintain our status as a student organization. We usually do a couple of larger events during each semester. The student officers help plan these events. I also film and edit each Bible study to post on our website and app and on YouTube. Most semesters I also produce some devotional videos. This past year I did not because I was writing a book for solo female missionaries. *The Sisterhood* will be available on Amazon later this summer. This is my fifth book.

Last summer I was part of the committee to implement the North American PAUSE conference, a gathering of all the missionaries with Baptist Mid-Missions that serve in the continental United States. It was a tremendous amount of work but gratifying. A bonus during this conference was that Kenzie Speas, told me that God has called her to return as a career missionary to CBF-Cleveland. Kenzie had been my intern during Spring 2025. I think quite highly of Kenzie and look forward to her being a full-time colleague. Fall semester was challenging - especially with those on campus whose job it was to manage student organizations. For the first six weeks of the semester we did not have an assigned meeting place, but we remained flexible and persevered and the Lord gave us a meeting space on week 7. Spring semester had a much more relaxed feel to it as the university assigned different people to manage student organizations. My favorite event of the semester was a worship night with the theme "Come Broken."

Long-term prayer requests would be that Campus Bible Fellowship would have a good start to the fall semester and that I could connect with a large number of students during the first month when students are determining how they will get involved at the university. Pray for

students to be saved and that Christians would be discipled to Christian maturity and steadfastness. Pray for Daisy, Katelyn, Dilly and Michael as they serve as student officers. Pray for relationships with various students to deepen. Pray for Kenzie as she joins Baptist Mid-Missions this summer and begins raising her financial and prayer support. We would be delighted if she could have her support and be able to be on campus in fall of 2027.

You can get my email updates by emailing me at mmamesbury@gmail.com. You can also follow me on Facebook and Instagram (cbfcleveland).

Juan Carlos Magallanes – Quincy WA, USA. No report received at time of printing.

Nathan & Rachel Waldock – Pursat, Cambodia. We are Nathan and Rachel Waldock, church planting missionaries in Cambodia, Southeast Asia. We have lived in the town of Pursat for the past eight years pastoring a small church in a firmly Buddhist area that is very hardened to the gospel.

"Church planting" involves building relationships with people in our community and seeking to help them understand the gospel of Christ, shepherding the church, and discipling the believers. We have been blessed to see a few people come to know Christ and join the church through believer's baptism over the past few years – one precious 71 year old lady was baptized this year in May. Our church has also taken a big step of faith in renting its own building for the first time after meeting in member's homes throughout the entire life of the church. We are praying that this new location will help the church be a brighter light in the community.

In addition to church planting in our town, Nathan has had opportunities to help train pastors and laymen throughout Cambodia. He is currently teaching a modular course on how to study, interpret, and teach the Bible to a group of men who serve in various churches around the country.

Previous to serving in Cambodia, our family served in India for 10 years, helping in a couple of church plants, while Nathan taught in a seminary. This past March, Nathan had an opportunity to spend a week in India, encouraging and discipling former students who are now serving as pastors all over India. This fall he will be teaching an advanced hermeneutics course online for the seminary in India.

You can pray:

- That the Lord will bring more people to Christ here in Pursat, especially through the ministry of the national believers.

- That Nathan will have wisdom and good time management for leading the church, teaching the modular course every month, and preparing to teach an online course in the Fall to students at the seminary in India.

- That we will all continue to grow in our language abilities (learning a second language is a lifelong process!)

- That the Lord will continue to grow and guide our children as they make the big transition from Asia (where they were born and raised) to life in the States which is like a foreign country to them. Rebekah is 19 and will be starting her sophomore year of college in South Carolina, Daniel is 17 and a rising Senior, and Hannah is almost 16 and a rising Junior.

As we serve in Asia, we do not share ministry information online, but we send bi-monthly prayer letters over e-mail. You can drop us an e-mail at nathan@waldockfamily.com.

Mike & Rachel Gustafson – Kiev, Ukraine. We have been serving in Kyiv, Ukraine since 2003. Mike is a pastor at Bible and Life Church, teaches at a seminary and mentors pastors throughout the country. Rachel helps with children and women's ministry and does some teaching at the Ukrainian Christian School where her children attend.

In December, Mike held his first baptism where his children Ellie and Daniel were two of the five people that followed in this important step of obedience. Our church also celebrated the 25th anniversary this year with all former pastors in attendance. Last summer we also saw the Lord work through camps. The English camp for soldier children is always wonderful to see some of them come to faith in Christ by the end of the week.

We are traveling to the US in June and will be visiting all eighteen supporting churches in New York, Washington, California, and Alaska. We plan to return to Ukraine in the fall. Pray for meaningful meetings as we report back to churches for the first time since 2022.

Pray for our oldest daughter Elisabeth (Ellie) as she starts college to study physical therapy at Olympic College and lives in the Gig Harbor area.

Pray for the new church plants in Kyiv: Unity, Life +, and Urban Church as they reach new people in the capital city.

Pray for safety for church members: Vitaliy (chaplain), Dima, Yuri, Konstantin, Timothy and Denis who are defending the country and their wives and children who remain.

Pray for a just and lasting peace to come to Ukraine soon.

Write: mike.gustafson@abwego.org to be added to the email list or see us in person when we visit in July.

Vladimir & Maria Sagadeyev – Odessa, Ukraine. The war in Ukraine has been raging for five years, and God has called us to be with our people and minister to our soldiers in need.

We serve at "Hope for People" Church, a church of 44 members. We dedicate much of our time to serving the hospital. Together with a team of eight people from our church, we visit wounded soldiers, providing them with essential supplies and clothing, including special, adapted clothing for the seriously wounded. We also help with wheelchairs and other items. We support them morally and spiritually, pray together, share the Gospel, and with some of them, we become friends. Among the wounded soldiers, some are so seriously ill that we even have to bathe them, as the staff is unable to do so.

Some of the soldiers have already attended our church and have come to faith. I serve as a deacon at the church, leading a prayer group, and participating in other church community ministries.

I also lead two online Scripture study groups with people who left Ukraine due to the war, as well as with those living in Odessa. I also help many Odessa churches with high-quality sound, audio equipment, repairs, maintenance, and setup.

We ask for prayer for a just peace in Ukraine, and that through our ministry, people will come to the Lord. We ask for prayer that God will give us strength, wisdom, and love to serve Him. Ukraine and its major cities, including Odessa, are under constant missile attacks from the enemy – please pray for the protection of us and our people. Our son, Sergei, is also in the army.

We pray for you, brothers and sisters! May God continue to guide and bless you.

Dmitriy & Svetlana Uhanev – Kiev, Ukraine My name is Dmitriy Uhanev; my wife is Svetlana, and we have four daughters: Violeta, 15; Ulyana,

12; Alisa, 8; and Yevnika, 4 months old. We live and serve in the city of Boryspil, Kyiv Oblast, Ukraine. We are very grateful for the opportunity to briefly share some information about our ministry with you. I serve as a pastor at the Boryspil Bible Church, which was founded 5 years ago. Currently, the church has 45 members, mostly young people and young families, but there are also elderly members. About 60 people attend our Sunday services. My main responsibilities include preaching, mentoring leaders, and overseeing church projects. My wife leads a group for young mothers.

We also actively help people who have moved to Boryspil from the occupied territories and frontline cities due to the war and Russian aggression. We provide them with food and hygiene supplies, but most importantly, we have the opportunity to share with them the hope we have in Christ.

Last year, my most vivid memories are connected with the fact that God blessed us with our fourth daughter, Yevnika; she is now 4 months old and is simply an incredible baby. Also, this year, on February 1, we had a baptism where five people were baptized. It was a blessing for me to see how God is working in these people's lives, how they began attending church, repented, and dedicated their lives to the Lord. How God's Word has been at work in their lives. We also thank God for the young people and teenagers who attend the youth club. About twenty people come to these meetings, half of whom are not churchgoers. Thank God, this year two young men accepted Christ.

Please pray for the following needs:
-That we may have a pastor.
-For the brothers currently serving in the military and their families. And also for the families of fallen soldiers.
-For a building for the church's ministry. We dream of having our own space that would be larger and better suited to our needs and ministries.
-For the repentance of people who attend our gatherings and various meetings but have not yet entrusted their lives to Jesus.
-For the camp. We plan to hold a day camp in our city in August, where we expect about a hundred children and teenagers.

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