March 8, 2022

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. In whose name alone comfort and salvation are found.

I am writing you today to update you on the work of our missionary to the Ukraine Pastor Scott Yount. Pastor Yount is an AALC rostered pastor who is the founder of Joy 4 Ukraine, an orphanage which caters to disabled children. Our AALC World Mission Commission has and continues to support Pastor Yount’s ministry.

Pastor Yount and his wife Lena fled the city of Bila Tserkva February 24 when they awoke to explosions. After 15 hours of driving and waiting 16 hours in line at the border they arrived safely in Slovakia. They are staying at a church/youth center and have taken up the duty of making runs to the border to pick up women and children and then care for and feed them.

Pastor Yount writes:

“People arriving are shell shocked, they have been listening to air sirens all day long, constantly going to the basement, taking cover, listening to loud explosions, then they take what they can fit in a small duffle bag or carry-on suitcase and leave the country on a 20-35 hour trip, stand in the freezing cold for hours to cross the border with no idea what the place they’re going will be like or when or if ever they can go home. We are praying with people, giving them a safe, quiet place to rest, until they can come to some sort of peace and try to make decisions on what to do from here.”

In addition, they are also collecting funds and literally walking them across the border to assist a Lutheran congregation near the city of Odesa in feeding their people. This includes the disabled and shut-ins. Please pray for Pastor Alexander Gorss and his congregation there.

We in the AALC are a small but mighty group of prayer warriors. As the chairman of the AALC World Mission Commission I have been asked how a congregation or individual might help support Pastor Yount and his continued ministry. Today we are announcing that we have created a special fund through the AALC to send monies to Pastor Yount. These funds will be used for his personal needs, the extended humanitarian effort in the Ukraine, and the care of refugees in Slovakia. Please send your donations to the AALC National Office:

The AALC
921 East Dupont Road # 920
Ft. Wayne, IN 46825-1551

The deadline for donations is Monday March 28th, 2022. Please make checks payable to The AALC. These funds will be sent to Pastor Yount through a safe and secure agency. In addition, please keep Pastor Yount and all those whom he cares for in your prayers.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support

Pastor Jamie M. Strickler
AALC WMC Chairman