

# Bob & Carol Marsh Mission Update

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Our updates since February have been primarily focused on Ukraine and the war that has endangered the freedom of that wonderful nation. Primarily because it has been the dominating focus of our ministry efforts for the past 4 months! But there's a lot going on in other parts of the Region, too, so we're going to focus on areas *other than Ukraine* in this update...

**EGYPT:** Ashraf, the leader of our Egypt ministry team, is there with his family, and is hosting several groups from US churches on short term ministry trips. They are serving the impoverished in the Cairo "Garbage Mountain" community. These poor folks live at the landfill for the city, searching through the trash to find items for their family to use, repurpose, or sell. They have little food, no medical resources, and little hope outside of Jesus. Pray for Ashraf, his family and the mission teams who are there!



**ISRAEL:** We were able to visit Margalit in Jerusalem earlier this summer. It was a precious time, the first any of us had been together since the passing of David from Covid last year. She describes her situation as "God's remodeling of her life." She remains a vital part of His work in the Holy Land, but in new and exciting ways. While in Israel, we connected with ministry opportunities for 3 new workers who are headed there in the coming months.



**GERMANY:** In **Munich** we had the blessing of visiting Kyle, Matilda, and their sons. They've been faithfully working to reach the International Community in the thriving Bavarian capital – though Covid put the brakes on HARD for two full years! Just being in the country again put an extra spring in our steps!



**Berlin:** We're excited to be working with Tim and Lori Hawkins as they prepare to leave for Germany's largest city to engage in disciple making and gospel movement! They are just getting started in their ministry partner discovery...if you'd like to support a brand-new work in that amazing metro area – check out their story at: [converge.org/missionary/tim-lori-hawkins](https://converge.org/missionary/tim-lori-hawkins).

**RUSSIA:** It's been very hard to do much with our Russian ministry partners since the war in Ukraine erupted. But we are doing our best to encourage and strengthen the church there! While much of the world is rightly focused on Ukraine, the church in Russia is going through some extremely difficult times as a result of the war. The church is under ever-increasing oppression, and the pastors of evangelical churches normally living at or below the level of poverty. The sanctions have made life more difficult. In addition, the churches are torn by those who believe the official media and those who do not (*sound familiar? – but there if you disagree, you go to prison!*). Pray for the pastors and leaders of the church in Russia.

Missionaries who were previously working in Russia have been expelled and cannot return. Four couples who have worked in cities spread across the breadth of the world's largest nation have decided to go to Estonia and work among the unreached people living along the border with Russia. We are helping these four couples become one team as they go. Pray for them as they prepare to go and begin this new ministry in early October. Mediterranean.

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