

Winter 2026 Update

This morning, as we took our morning walk, we saw our first robins hopping around the yard, heard many more bird's songs, and saw numerous squirrels scurrying about (much to the delight of our dog, Lucky!). While technically only half-way through winter, the signs of coming spring surround us.

We live in a time of global societal winter. Cold and dark. Do you feel it? Os Guinness, perhaps today's the most insightful Christian author, theologian, and social critic describes this era as *Our Civilizational Moment*. He outlines the "*Waning of the Christian West and the War of the Worlds*." Those words were echoed by Secretary of State Rubio over this past weekend in Munich, Germany. For "those with ears to hear" the signs of the times are ominous. The Europe and Mediterranean Region, the focus of our ministry, is the epicenter of much of this tension.

Yet, in the increased darkness of civilizational winter, there are signs of life and hope. There are clear indicators of increased evangelical revival in places long frozen. In England, France, Estonia, Sweden, and Poland young people are expressing deep yearning to meet, know, and follow Jesus. In North African nations we see similar interest and the emergence of disciples and churches...but details can't be shared out of caution. Another sign of God's work is His calling upon the lives of people in the USA who want to go and make disciples. We currently have seven new Global Worker couples/individuals who are in various stages of joining our teams across the region.

Here are a couple of specific updates from our ministry:

Romania: Through our [Project Romania](#) fund, we have been able to assist a movement of church planting, including the *Sola Scriptura* Training Center. We are very excited to be planning a trip to visit the school and churches of southern Romania in late April / early May! <https://converge.org/team/project-romania/>

Ukraine: Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are suffering from one of the coldest winters in recent times. Russia had deliberately targeted the civil infrastructure to disrupt essential services. As a result, the mayor of Kyiv urged more than 2 million residents of the capital city to evacuate to other areas. Those internally displaced people have spread across the nation where there are long periods each day without electricity and heat. The situation is unspeakably horrific. People are cold and ill. Missile and drone attacks are a daily occurrence.

In these conditions, our travel there would simply add to their burden, so we assist as we can from afar. Bob attended a special gathering of ministry and government leaders in Washington, DC. The evangelical church has grown in unprecedented numbers over the past 4 years, and our [Ukraine Relief Fund](#) has sent more than 1.3 million dollars to churches and ministry leaders providing humanitarian and spiritual relief. The fund is still active, and any help you give will be sent to local, trusted leaders on the ground without any overhead or service fees. Please pray for peace and continued independence for the people of Ukraine. They are on the front lines of the "Clash of Civilizations." <https://converge.org/ministry-fund/ukraine-relief/>

We ask for your prayers:

- Carol has strained her back and needs healing. She loves to serve, as a deacon at our church, in our home and village. Pray for healing.
- Bob has been asked to take on an additional leadership role at Converge.
- Andrew will take command of the USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109) in March. Pray for him and his family.
- John & Kefei and their boys are in China visiting her family.
- Asher, our eldest grandson, just turned 16. New levels of maturity and responsibility (including driving!) are his. Pray for him and all our grandchildren!



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