

Bob & Carol Marsh: A Special Opportunity

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Hello dear friends. I am working on a newsletter to give you a general update on our ministry this summer – but a special opportunity has just presented itself that I want to communicate to you directly and separately.

Meet Elisey Pronin. Until 2014, he was the senior pastor of the largest Evangelical church in the Lugansk region of Eastern Ukraine. That province was one of the first attacked by the Russians in their invasion. He stayed with his family and his church until the last minute, risking all of their lives to continue to minister as long as possible. Eventually, the church was attacked, destroyed and the flock scattered by the invading terrorist army.

Dr. Pronin relocated to Lviv, in Western Ukraine. He became the head of the Church Planting department of the Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary, teaching young pastors to multiply congregations in the face of a war that has the destruction of Evangelical Christianity as one of its goals.

But, as he told me, “God put on my heart to not just teach others to plant churches, I needed to, once again, plant a new church.” He began to gather other displaced Eastern Ukrainians who had fled to Lviv. Through amazing acts of God’s grace, he was able to find a large facility, and in those early days of the invasion, they housed hundreds of refugees making their way through Lviv into Poland, Hungary, and other Western European nations.

Their church provides spiritual nourishment, witness, and worship. They provide language and cultural assistance for Eastern Ukrainians (many of whom speak Russian rather than Ukrainian), and they offer a wonderful PTSD ministry for families who have gone through unimaginable horrors.

He has a great team of volunteers, but he’s the only paid staff. It’s been 4-1/2 years. Elisey is weary beyond words. We cannot begin to imagine the toll that daily shelling and endless demands have on a person. The church has wisely decided to bring on a young pastor to assist him. Part of the plan is to provide housing in the church building as part of the pay package. They have raised and invested nearly \$8,000 for the apartment, but they need **\$1750** to complete it.

Would you please pray about helping Pastor Elisey and the “Disciples of Christ” Church in Lviv? Any donations sent to meet this need will be sent directly to the church without any overhead or fees deducted.

This is more than an apartment – it is a chance to make a kingdom difference among a group of people who have lost their homes, cultures, and in most cases, loved ones to the war.

Please pray about this, and if you can, give to the Converge Ukraine Relief Fund.



Pastor Pronin at the LVIV church.



If you would like to support Pastor Pronin’s work, or other gospel efforts in Ukraine, please give to the

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