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## Walking the Land and Heat for Christmas

Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it to thee.

Genesis 13:17

### The Farm in Armenia

I spent a week recently at the MP farm in northern Armenia. What a beautiful piece of property it is. We even stayed at the farm, in a small building previously used for storage. Now it is like a "studio farmhouse" with indoor plumbing!

We walked the land at the farm and I thought of Abraham. He left his home and relatives, everything familiar to him, to journey to a land that he didn't know. The obstacles were tremendous. When he arrived to Shechem, the bible says extreme famine hit and he sought refuge in Egypt. In other words, he obeyed God, left his home in faith, journeyed to Canaan, and immediately experienced famine.



The new "studio farmhouse" was used for storage.

After his return from Egypt, God told Abraham to "walk the land" because God was going to give it to his descendants. As I walked the farm I was struck by its beauty and the potential it represents. It renewed my vision for this farm. Like Abraham, it was good for me to "walk the land." (Ok, no more comparisons with Abraham) Indeed the obstacles seem daunting. A foreign language, a foreign culture, poverty, corruption, hail storms, inflation, etc. are all obstacles. However, the promise and potential of helping people in need for a very long time is what encourages and motivates us.



We walked the farm and dreamed of what God will do here.

### Prayer Needs for Armenia and Our Farm

The needs are numerous but please pray we get the cow shelter completed before winter. Snow arrived in the mountains and it is just a few weeks before the cold weather sets in. Pray for our new construction manager Hamlet. He has many projects to prioritize and accomplish.

And pray that we find better milk producing cows. We hope to bring cows in from Europe, but this is more expensive. A few of the local cows were not "as advertised." Thank you for your support of this project!



Making plans for the future storage building

# Heat and Hope This Christmas



Heating stoves for Ukraine. 40 @ \$300 each are needed.



Supplies, food, and gifts for kids. Clothing donations from Gildan will be provided.



Firewood for families in Kosovo. The poor depend on us for heating.

## \$3,840 Firewood for Families in Kosovo

This year pastor Urim in Kosovo asked if we could support needy families there with 3 months of winter firewood for heating their homes. We said yes and he has already started delivering the firewood while the prices are reasonable. If they need help, we also help them cut the wood. 16 families will receive \$240 worth of firewood and school supplies. (\$3,840 total) Pastor Urim personally visits each family.



Lena teaches an autistic child to communicate words with colorful cards.

## \$6,000 To Keep Warm at Hearts of Love

The Hearts of Love Center is located in Konotop, the Sumy region, near the Russian border. Gas supplies are cut off as energy infrastructure has been damaged. \$6,000 is needed to convert the heating system to electricity. When the director, Lena requested the funds for the conversion we immediately said yes, in faith, believing God would provide. Electricity is now rationed due to recent shelling, but both Lena and her staff continue working with handicapped children. They are thankful for your help and committed to staying despite the hardship.



We are thankful for your prayers and support!

## Ukraine Staff Update

Due to the ongoing shelling, kamikaze drone attacks, and threats of nuclear "dirty bombs," our staff is not returning to their homes and husbands. They are however, coordinating our ministry while remaining safe. Not everyone is pictured, but we are all grateful for your prayers and support during these uncertain and dangerous times.

## Christmas Fund for Ukraine

Our Christmas Fund this year will not provide individual gifts for families, but will instead provide necessities such as heating stoves, firewood, coal, medical help, warm clothing, etc. The clothing company Gildan donated several truckloads to our partner KEMA in Hungary. We will also assist them distributing all over Ukraine.



Gildan gave an amazing donation.