

Jay & Judy Lynn Francis
Serving in Ukraine with
SEND International

Following the Francises



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PRAISE ITEMS

- Completion of seminary classes!
- Safe travel from Dallas TX to Hudson FL
- A few new financial supporters
- Good visits with friends and churches

PRAYER ITEMS

- Speaking engagements at 8 churches . Please pray that we will be an encouragement at these churches.
- Safe travels to Knoxville and Birmingham
- Extension of our Ukrainian Temporary Residence Permits in absentia and safe return of our documents
- Provision for the necessary funds to return to Ukraine on time, March 7th
- Formation of a short-term team from Berean Bible Church to come to Ukraine this summer
- Ministry decisions

Now is the Time!

We are just a few weeks from our scheduled return to Ukraine. If you have been considering a one-time financial gift or a monthly pledge to help us return to Ukraine, now is the time! You can complete the attached form or use the SEND International website, send.org. Under the “give” box on the send homepage type in “Francis” and follow the prompts. *Thank you* to our many supporters who make it possible for us to serve in Ukraine



Frequently Asked Questions

> What will you do when you return to Kyiv? *Basically we will pick up where we left off and return to doing what we were before we left. In March we expect to help Cru with a 2 week English outreach to a local university, Jay is scheduled to teach one class in April and another in May, our SEND Ukraine conference is in June, then we hope to help at camps during the summer.*

> How much longer do you expect to serve in Ukraine? *It is our desire to live in Ukraine for as long as the Lord allows. Unless something unexpected happens we hope to be in Ukraine for 5-8 more years.*

> When is your next home service? *At this point we are not planning a long home service for the foreseeable future. Our desire is to make more shorter (3-4 weeks) and more frequent trips to the US for medical check-ups and limited church visits. Of course, this is subject to approval by our leadership.*

> How safe is it for you to live in Ukraine? *Although there is an on-going armed conflict in eastern Ukraine, we are not directly affected by the violence. Kyiv is about 400 miles from the fighting and we rarely go further east. Please continue to pray for peace.*

> Why do you serve in another country when the U.S. is so spiritually needy? *The spiritual answer is that God has led us to serve in Ukraine and to be anywhere else would be disobedient. The human explanation is that there are many more opportunities for people to learn about Jesus here in this country. We pray that God will call more Americans into active ministry here, as well as abroad.*

> Why should I support the ministry in Ukraine when churches and ministries here are struggling financially? *We trust that everyone financially supports the local church he/she attends before donating financially to any other ministry or missionary. We only ask that individuals and churches prayerfully consider financial support. If God leads someone to donate, we trust that He will provide all that is needed; to us and to our supporters.*

***Are you interested in serving in Ukraine
this summer? If so, please contact us!***

Home Service Checklist

Vacation - ✓ Done
Attend SEND Annual Conference - ✓ Done
Visit SEND Office - ✓ Done
Visit family - ✓ Done
Doctor visits - ✓ Done
Shopping - ✓ Done
Semester of study at Dallas Seminary - ✓ Done
Visit supporting churches and individuals - In progress
Extension of Ukrainian Temporary Residence Permits - In Progress
Financial and prayer support - NEED HELP
Pack suitcases - Not done

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March 1st

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For Contributions

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Please enclose our name

and the account number

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Are you between 30-50 years old?

If you are, and you do not currently donate to a full-time, cross-cultural mission ministry, then this challenge is for *you!* For the past 10 years the majority of our financial supporters have been between 50-80 years old. We are encouraging our younger friends to come alongside us at this time. Of course, if you are older and God is calling you to partner with us, please do. Would you take a few moments to prayerfully consider a one-time financial gift or a monthly financial pledge. Donations can be made by completing the attached form and mailing it to SEND, or through the SEND International website which is www.send.org.

Home Service Schedule

Jan. 22 - Living Word Church, New Port Richey, FL
Jan. 29 - Gulfview Grace Brethren Church, Port Richey, FL
Jan. 30 - Travel to Knoxville Tennessee
Feb. 5 - Faith Bible Fellowship, Oak Ridge TN
Feb. 8 - Mt. Harmony Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN
Feb. 12 - The Fountain, Knoxville, TN
Feb. 19 - Mountain Brook Community Church, Birmingham, AL
Feb. 23-26 - Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church Missions Conference
March 5th - Attend Berean Bible Church
March 6th - Depart for Kyiv