

Not cursing the darkness but
lighting a candle

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UKRAINIAN
Lady
**RECEIVES
HER NEW
BIBLE**

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Happy days in Ukraine



YOUNG RUSSIAN GIRL

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The picture of the lady with the cake was taken in Ukraine. But before the invasion. They were happy days. I was visiting Kiev and the Ukrainians were showing their hospitality. Ukrainians and Russians never do things in a small way. They have a tendency to do and overdo.

During the past few days I have been in contact with our Ukrainian and Russian Christian brothers and sisters now on opposite sides of this bloody war. Hundreds of thousands have died, been incapacitated, or forced to flee. The specter of nuclear war is always present.

So what should we as Christians do? Without telling you what you should do, let me tell you what I think I should do. For starters, I am emotionally and spiritually involved. With my Carter Report team, I have lived in the cities you see on the nightly news. You have heard the strange sounding names: Kiev, Odessa, Kharkov, Dnepropetrovsk, and Zaporozhye where the nuclear reactors are mimicking the power of the sun. One nasty accident here could pollute and poison all of Europe. A bombardment of Russian shells on the nuclear power plant could leave much of Europe uninhabitable. What times!



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By God's grace and through the power of the Holy Spirit we have seen literally millions of Russians and Ukrainians at our Gospel meetings. We were there not because we were smarter or better than others. We were there because we were thrust into the arena ***"for such a time as this,"*** by the mighty providence of God. The door of opportunity remained open for around 12 years. Each time we went, year after year, we sensed that time was running out. We knew that one day the door of freedom to evangelize would slam shut. Now it has, at least in Russia. Fortunately in Ukraine, there is still freedom to preach, though in dangerous conditions.

So what do I believe I should do? I need to stay out of politics so I can help my brothers and sisters on both sides.

Quite recently we were able to send USA funds to the 36 evangelism media team members in Russia. We worked with 3ABN America to do this. We were also able to wire funds to our evangelistic team in Ukraine. By God's grace, we have been able to build an evangelism media center in Ukraine while missiles flashed overhead. This has come with a price, but we have felt compelled to do something worthwhile and significant. **YOU HAVE HELPED MAKE IT POSSIBLE.**



Russian and Ukrainian New Friends





While my life lasts, **I want to light a candle in the darkness.** I want to do something worthwhile. I do not want to obsess over the trivial. I want to help spread the GOSPEL of Grace and Peace. I want to avoid a fixation on the temporal and inconsequential.

So while you read this, our little Gospel van is running around Ukraine transporting people and supplies throughout Kiev. While you ponder my words, our new Carter Report - Hope Media Center is getting the Word out across Ukraine. While you scan these lines, Doctor Julia and her "Russian angels" are **keeping the Gospel light on** in Russia.



Doctor Julia of 3ABN Russia was baptized by John Carter in 1992.

Your gifts of love mingled with your prayers are needed urgently. You have made a significant contribution in times past. Please in Jesus' name continue to stand with us. Who knows but that **YOU** are called to the Kingdom **for such a time as this?** Russian and Ukrainian brothers and sisters are eternally grateful. So am I.

Thank you with love,
John Carter



May God bless you over and beyond all you can ask or think.