

Jim and Evie's Adventures

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One day at the end of May, we were riding in the metro and noticed a woman quietly but obviously crying. Her companion, perhaps her mother, was trying to comfort her without success. I noticed a man look at her and whisper to his companion and wondered what he was saying. Was he just being nosy (somewhat like I was being)? He leaned toward her, gesturing softly, then pulled something from his pocket. What could this man, who was obviously a stranger to this woman, be handing her from his pocket? As surreptitiously as I could in a crowded metro car, I craned my head around to see the paper—it had a big cross on the front and looked like a tract. The man appeared to be sharing the Gospel with her, judging by the tract and the woman's responsive head nods and gestures. This incident stood out to us because the man on the metro was doing what we were seeking to do in Ukraine—convey God's love to those in pain. Since we were preparing to leave, seeing someone else acting out our daily goal of loving those around us was comforting; God uses so many people to fulfill His plans and His plans stretch far beyond any of us individually.

Our last days in Kiev were emotional—we rejoiced with the graduating seniors and the rising ninth graders, empathized with the senior parents, and said goodbye to friends and students. The first weeks in Ukraine were hard because it was cold and grey and we didn't have many friends; the last weeks in Ukraine were hard because we had to say goodbye to the many people we love. We saw God working



while we were in Ukraine, and we pray that He will continue to use us as we move on to another chapter in our lives. We hope to move to Charlotte at the beginning of August—please be praying for us as we travel back and forth between Cary and Charlotte before then to look for jobs and a place to live. Times of transition like this are stressful, but God keeps reminding us through His Word that He always provides. We have no need to fear!



Thank you for walking with us during the last year and a half. May God continue to bless you! We are so thankful for your generosity, prayers, and love for the kingdom of God. We'll keep you updated during these next chapters. Please let us know any ways that we can be praying for you. Our email addresses will remain the same (jakeating@gmail.com and evelyn.keating@gmail.com) and our cell phone numbers are 919-518-6792 (Jim) and 919-518-7347 (Evie).

