



URGENT PRAYER NEEDED

“Our field workers in Ukraine are in danger.”

Russia bombed Poltava last night, in one of the most deadly attacks since the war began

Dear Friends,

With a heavy heart I am asking you to join me right now in prayer for Pastor Alexander’s family in Poltava!

Last night I received an urgent text message from Ukraine. My dear friend and co-worker, Pastor Alexander, has asked for urgent prayer. We have ministered together in Ukraine for more than 30 years. His family is in Poltava that had just been bombed by Putin’s missiles. It was one of the most deadly bombings since the war began.

So far, at least 51 people have been killed, more than 235 wounded and up to 18 people are buried under the rubble.

Pastor Alexander was not with his family in Poltava as he works near the front-line as a paramedic and chaplain minister to wounded soldiers in Kramatorsk. Every day he is torn between his work and being with his family. On weekends he travels to Poltava, a five-hour train ride away to be with them. Due to the bombing, the train to Poltava has stopped. This is very hard on Pastor Alexander, to be separated from his family at this critical hour.

We immediately contacted his daughter who told us:

“We are all very scared... Unfortunately, in addition to this latest missile strike, Russia has been sending drones to Poltava every night since our Independence Day, Aug 24. Every night we have to take cover in the hallway, away from the windows and outside walls.

Please pray for us! The constant threat is pressing so much on our emotional and psychological state of mind.”

Since Russia annexed Crimea in 2014, Pastor Alexander and his family have had to flee their home in Donbas for safety several times. They settled in Kramatorsk. In February 2022 Putin launched his full-scale attack on Ukraine. As bombs began hitting Kramatorsk, people tried to escape the danger and flooded the railway station. On April 8 the railway was targeted, killing many people and wounding

hundreds. Pastor Alexander was forced to once again evacuate his family. This time further west to Poltava, more than 300 kilometers away.

Russia's use of ballistic missiles can hit targets within a few minutes of launch from hundreds of kilometers away leaving little time to find cover after air raid sirens are sounded. This is what happened last night in the attack that killed, wounded and devastated so many.

Would you please stand with me in prayer today. Pray for Pastor Alexander's family, his congregation, the children at the kids club, and all the families living in this city.

Also, please pray that rescue teams will reach people still trapped under the rubble.

May God bless you for your continued care for our front-line workers.

May He continue to fill your heart with compassion for the innocent victims and people of Ukraine!

Together In His Ministry,

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