

UKRAINE UPDATE

From Archie Kerr



I believe it is time for another update regarding the work being done to bring Ukrainians to Sarnia - Lambton.

On the evening of Wednesday, August 24th, I went to the Toronto Airport to pick up the Simonov family of four, including Slava, Viktoriia, Artur, & Arsenii. They had been awake and traveling more than 24 hours and were exhausted and glad when they got to Sarnia and to the Kernohans at 1:00 in the morning. They were greeted by their enthusiastic hosts, Dave & Carol, and a big welcome sign (see below photo).

Over the next few days the Kernohan & Simonov families have been busy getting the government & business paperwork in order.



**SIMONOV FAMILY ARRIVAL
AT THE KERNOHANS!**

Nataliia Zelenckuk & her two sons Yarko & Darko have settled in nicely at the Stephens and attend the Trinity church services. Recently Natalia's daughter Mirka spent a few weeks at the Stephens before returning to University in the US.

I asked Natalia for her thoughts and an update from her.

Email from Nataliia

The last week seemed very full of pleasant problems. Preparing for my driving test, visiting two schools for children, new acquaintances, new meetings, finding a swimming school. In addition, work, children and home.

I am sure that we are doing well. Obviously, the help and support from Missy and John is tremendous.

They are our guide on how to organize our life in Canada. Also, Stephen's daughter Katie helps us with advice about school and organizing leisure time.

In turn, we also respond with great gratitude and try not to create new troubles. I try to be as useful as possible both at home and at work. Also, my son's, wherever they can help, they help and do everything with a sincere heart. Just as John and Missy let us feel the colossal family warmth.

My eldest daughter Mirka visited us (July 18 - August 9). She filled the house with a beautiful voice and funny jokes. Mirka spent a wonderful little vacation with us and was very grateful for the opportunity to feel like a child.

We now look forward to Adrian's arrival. The boys are especially happy that dad will be around. The boys next to John have grown up a lot. Not only physically, but also mentally. They spent an unforgettable summer on the farm, learned a lot of new things and now want to surprise their dad how grown up and independent they are. We expect him on September 25. We are trying to find a job for Adrian. We pray that everything will work out and we will meet here in safety.

Thank you very much for your work, time and attention. After all, I perfectly understand what important work you have done for us. And without you, this would not be a reality.

With great gratitude, Nataliia, Yarko, Darko and Mirka.



**NATALIA, YARKO & DARKO
ADRIAN TO ARRIVE
SEPTEMBER 25!**

Everything seems to be going smoothly at the Kernohan's & Stephen's residences.

Rachel has been busy over the last few months visiting potential host families in the community to see what accommodations they have to offer

and determining the type of Ukrainian family (age of the children etc) that would be compatible with the host family. Trinity Church has received the funds from Lighthouse Church fundraiser (see below photo) and the Great West Auction fundraiser donations to administer through the Lambton County Ukrainian Relief group(LCUR). This is a group of five volunteers that includes Rachel and are working with the help of Johnathan who is currently in the Ukraine. LCUR is working to bring an additional 12 families to Lambton County and there are host families waiting for their arrival.

On Friday, August 26th, the Goncharenko family of three were picked up at the airport by Wendy & Doug Zonneville and taken to a host family. No community group or church is assisting this host family. They are doing everything on their own, they have support of their friends and family.

If the Trinity Ukraine Team need any supports we will be in touch. Thank you Trinity for your support in this important work - without you it would not be possible!



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PROVIDING CHEQUE TO
LCUR TO HELP WITH LOCAL
UKRAINE EFFORTS**