

The Midnight Hour

January 2021 Update

The "midnight hour" conjures up many thoughts. It could denote the final moments before dreaded doom or the most difficult moments before a miraculous breakthrough. Just yesterday, it meant that I preached in the Lviv, Ukraine church service, which was 11 am their time, and 3 am my time. I have, of course, taken a much-needed siesta since then.





I would be remiss if I did not speak to the societal upheavals in the US and to similar difficulties throughout the world. When swords are still drawn on many sides, volatile emotions and catastrophic thoughts can run unrestrained. So allow me to quiet the noise and interject a tender story where the greatest prophet born to women doubted the very one he had heralded. From prison, John the Baptist sent word to Jesus asking, "Are You the Coming One, or are we to look for someone else?" (Matt. 11:3 NASB) To this, Jesus answered:

"Go and report to John what you hear and see: those who are blind receive sight and those who limp walk, those with leprosy are cleansed and those who are deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is any person who does not take offense at Me." (Matt 11:4-6)

John's "midnight hour" elicited an answer from Jesus that continues to keep us kingdom-focused, amid change, hardship, and uncertainty. The gospel is influencing and changing people's hearts and minds on both ends of the spectrum, no matter where they are. Concurrently, the church can no more abdicate her mission to the lesser kings of this world than Jesus could give a different answer to John. The course is set, so let's be diligent in staying on it as ministers of reconciliation.





We are delighted to update you that Every Nation church planters Hansie and Marna Reinecke finally made it to Zagreb, Croatia, from South Africa a few days ago. This came after many months of preparation and delays due to the pandemic that caused government offices to slow down and airlines to significantly restrict travel. We look forward to updating you on this new work after Hansie and Marna get their "land legs".

New team members are at various stages of relocating to both Bucharest, Romania, and Prague, Czech Republic. Additionally, Myra and I continue to equip the many leaders in our central and eastern European region for missionary church planting.

We are grateful for all of you who stand with us in prayer and partnership, and please let us know how we can be praying for you. God bless!

Mike and Myra

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## **Prayer Requests**

- 1. New & sustained financial provision
- 2. Team development for projects in Romania, Czech Republic, Croatia, & Greece
- 3. Visas and registration for new teams in these regions