

Last night (Wednesday) was hectic. After Bible class we went home and jumped into the last minute details. It seemed like there was more and more and then suddenly, we were done. I don't know about Ava, but I went to sleep and slept solidly until 5:45 a.m.

This morning (Thursday) there were a few items that needed attention, but we easily had those done by the time Pat & Jimmy showed up at 9:00 a.m. The Luggage was loaded and we were on the way. We had a pleasant trip to Wichita and even had time to stop for a bite of lunch before getting to the airport. Wichita is a small airport and it was no trouble getting boarding passes and checking luggage.

The flight to Atlanta lasted a little more than two hours. After landing at Atlanta, we became thankful they have trains to get to the departure gate that took us to our terminal. It made it so much faster and easier. The flight over the ocean was as comfortable as possible for a 7½ hour flight. After arriving at the Amsterdam airport, we changed planes for the final flight to Kiev. This final leg into Ukraine was the roughest part of the trip because the plane was not as new as with the other flights. We arrived in Ukraine at 1:00 p.m. (Friday).

The arrival at the airport in Ukraine was like trying to walk thru a mine field. Each one of the people on duty varied with



*Church Building in Swecor*



*Left to right - Taras, Ava, Scott, Andrew, Elana*

their English skills and they, each had a different understanding of the entry laws into Ukraine. We were finally able to complete all the paperwork to enter the country and allowed to leave customs.

After an hour and a half in passport control we collected our luggage and met Taras outside the terminal. He had his car so we didn't have to use a cab. As we headed into Kiev, he mentioned that the train didn't leave for Kramatorsk until 10:20 p.m. so we decided to drive to Swecor and visited the church there. I have included some pictures from that visit. It was a great distraction and really helped pass the time we would have spent sitting in a train station. We did catch the train on time and to our surprise the train cars had been refurbished. The whole car was clean and looked really different from the last trip. The conductor for our car could not have been nicer. She

did not speak English but we managed to communicate with her. She soon brought us hot tea, checked on us again last night and this morning made sure we had coffee for Ava and hot tea for me. She let us know when it was time for our stop.

(Saturday)

We were met at the station by Vlad and Oksana who helped us with our luggage then

transported us to the building where Kate was waiting for us to arrive. After Ava & I each got that much needed shower, we went to lunch with Oksana & Kate.

This afternoon we found out we had both tested negative for the COVIN19 so our quarantine is lifted and we are free to move about where we want. Vlad & Oksana will stop by in a bit and we will start working on our plans for the next two weeks.

Keep us in your prayers.

In His Service  
Scott & Ava



*Some of the children from Swecor*