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Welcome to *Generosity in Action*! This regular update celebrates the many ways people at Trinity share their time, abilities, talents, and finances to enable us to spread God's love and grace together. Have a suggestion for a future issue? Please send your ideas to liz@trinitystreetsville.org

Trinity members support Ukrainian family's settlement



"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea." - Psalm 46:1

On February 24, 2022, Trinity parishioners were shocked by the news of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The attack came after many years of tension between the two nations. A former republic of the Soviet Union, Ukraine declared its independence in 1991 following the Soviet Union's collapse.

Immediately after the Russian invasion last year, the LIFE group led by Liz and Rob Wormald began praying about helping one of the many thousands of Ukrainian families displaced by the war. Trinity's building at 85 Queen Street S. was vacant and could serve as temporary housing for a family. (In 2015 and 2016, Trinity gained valuable experience when parishioners came together to spearhead the sponsorship of a Syrian family during that country's refugee crisis.)

The LIFE group formed a task force to search for a displaced Ukrainian family, prepare and stock the house for their arrival, help with documents and settlement issues, and raise money for their immediate needs. Once again, Trinity parishioners stepped up to help, donating more than \$10,000, furniture, household goods, clothing, and many volunteer hours.

In April 2022, Amir, Luda, their children Daniel and Dana, and Luda's cousin Luba arrived in Mississauga after a long and challenging journey from Ukraine. Amir, Luda, and the children left Kyiv as rockets fell on the city. They left everything behind, including their 24-year-old daughter, who is a teacher, and their 20-year-old son, a university student. They fled without their documents, abandoned their car at the Kyiv train station, and took a train to Poland and then to Berlin. Luba

joined them in Berlin, bringing their passports and documents. They all continued to Paris, then Barcelona, where they joined a group flying to Canada.

Within a week of their arrival in Streetsville and moving temporarily into 85 Queen St., a church member offered Amir a good job with his company. The children were enrolled in a Streetsville school, and Luda and Luba registered for ESL classes. LIFE group members helped to orient them and drive them to appointments. In addition, the children attended Camp Trinity last summer, which allowed them to improve their English fluency significantly while enjoying fun summer activities.

In July, with financial support from Trinity, Luba was settled in Campbellville with a very kind couple and then in Port Hope in the home of a Ukrainian family. She is grateful for the many ways Trinity parishioners have helped her. In September, the church fund covered the first and last month's rent and moving costs to help Amir and his family move into their new apartment near Dixie and Burnhamthorpe. The children now attend school close to home. The family often comes to church, despite the long bus journey on a Sunday morning.

May we continue to pray for Amir and Luda, their children Daniel and Dana, and cousin Luba as they settle into their new life in Canada. We also pray for the safety of Amir and Luda's older children still in Ukraine. Finally, let us pray for peace, safety, and a resolution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

The Impact of One Woman's Legacy

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. - Philippians 1:6

Before former Trinity parishioner Jean Trimble passed away in 2011 at age 82, she planned a generous gift in her will that has helped fuel local and international outreach activities for the past decade.

Jean was a lifelong member who started attending Trinity with her family at a young age. The Trimble family was a regular presence at the 8 a.m. service for many years.

During her lifetime Jean volunteered in various ministries at Trinity, including the Chancel Guild. She also developed a particular interest in Christian missions.

As an adult, Jean worked in the office at CTS Corporation in Streetsville with the late Trinity member John Hanley. When she retired, she volunteered at the information desk at Credit Valley Hospital. In recognition of her dedication, the Hospital presented Jean with a 25-volunteer service award.

Jean had a heart for mission outreach. She directed that her substantial bequest to Trinity be distributed over ten years to support local and global outreach organizations equally. Over the years, organizations that have benefitted from Jean's generosity have included World Vision Canada, The Dam, the Open Door, Eden Food for Change, and Latin America Mission.

If you would like to learn more about the impact you can have through a bequest to Trinity, please get in touch with Stewardship Director Liz Leake at liz@trinitystreetsville.org.

