



## The Spotlight - March 2022



*As we enter March, a serious concern for most of mankind is, of course, the war between Russia and Ukraine. As Kazakhstan is in the same region of the world, we've had some friends and family checking in to see if we are safe, so let us begin by telling you that we are about 2000 miles from the shelling which means our UK family and friends are closer to the actual fighting than the two of us! However, we live in a country where 25% of the population is made up of Russian nationals and it's a country which will support Russia if push comes to shove. This is despite plans that seem to reflect a desire to distance itself by 2025 through changing the spelling of the country to Qazaqstan and making Kazakh the first language instead of Russian and using the Roman alphabet instead of Cyrillic.*

*Still, the war is having negative effects here in terms of fracturing relationships between people as we assume it must be doing in other places where Russians and Ukrainians live side by side. We find ourselves challenged, me particularly in AIWC which is meant to be an apolitical organisation existing to support women and children in need, for the Ukrainians want to use the organisation as a platform to denounce Russia and some Russians are at pains to stress that their country isn't in the wrong and that Western news is incorrect.*

*How thankful we are to have Christ's leading to see that they are all hurting people and though we have our own views about the war, our role is not to take sides here, but rather to listen to all who are hurting and offer prayer. So far, we've been able to navigate our small minefield well with God's help and we trust that He will give us wisdom in the days to come because He's always good for His word! Interestingly, but probably not surprising, He's been giving us more unexpected opportunities than ever before to share the Good News.*

*May God bless you in some very special ways too and help us all to remember it's important to keep praising Him as much on the rainy days in the valleys as on the sunny mountain tops.*

*As always, we now leave you with links to messages shared in TLC World this past month.*

[1. What To Do When It's Hard To Hear God - Julie Mullins](#)

[2. True Love - Billy Graham](#)

[3. How to Deal with Anxiety - R. C. Sproul](#)

[4. God's Strategy for Winning in Spiritual Warfare - Greg Laurie](#)

*Please don't hesitate to let us bless you too - it will be our privilege to pray for you whenever you feel it would help, and we're sure you know that one thing we're good at is keeping confidences. Every blessing, Jim & Elaine*

*The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."  
(Psalm 32:8)*

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