

Daily Devotion For February 25, 2022

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:8

As I was watching the Russian invasion of Ukraine the other evening, my heart was sick and feeling bad for the people of Ukraine. Dr. Cary and Joyce Gota have asked us to pray for a young Ukrainian family serving with CRU in Kyiv. The Deminko family have two young children and lead the National Campus ministry in the city. At this time it is important to pray for the staff of CRU and their families and that God would watch over them and protect them.

I am also concerned about a young woman by the name of Anna Pham that I met at several weeks ago at the gym. She is of Vietnamese descent and was born and raised in Ukraine. Anna came to Monterey to study four years ago at Seaside High where she had my nephew Kai was her Economics teacher and is currently studying at CSUMB.

When I met Anna, she shared with me how concerned she was for her parents and family members in Ukraine and how she wanted to return home but her parents advised her to stay in the US. I have gone to the gym a few times specifically to look for her and see how she is doing but so far have not connected.

"War itself is, of course is a form of madness. It is hardly a civilized pursuit. It's amazing how we spend so much time inventing devices to kill each other and so little time working on achieving peace." - Walter Cronkite

Thought For Today and Today's Prayer Focus: Pray for a quick resolution to this conflict and that Vladimir Putin will have a change of heart and will withdrawal his troops. Pray for the Christians in Ukraine as 79% claim to be Christians with 3.8% as Evangelical. Pray for the Deminko Family and Anna Pham. Continued prayers for Seon Hashimoto. Deo Volente.