

The situation in Ukraine is very serious and not only because of the war. I need to ask you if I could officially become a Christian journalist even without any pay. This is for my family's protection as a journalist and a Christian in Ukraine. My wife, our 3-year-old son and I are now U.S. citizens. However, I think they will hold us hostage if we try to leave the country. People who were born in the USSR or Ukraine are hostages now. People who left before the war should not visit Ukraine.

Let me think where to start... I started to read the Bible and focusing more on the Gospels in 1988 before the fall of the USSR. My first serious encounter with the Soviet system began right away when they tried to make me join the Komsomol organization. I resisted and was the only person in my class who did not join. I also told them the Satanic system will fall eventually, and it did in a few years later.

Then all the Communists changed their hats and some joined the church choir 🙏. Other communists became oligarchs in just a few years. Millions had to immigrate, including myself. Nukes were taken away, the military was weakened, and arms and weapons were sold or destroyed.

When the KGB again came to power in Russia in 2000, they decided to re-create a "USSR 2.0." I was a student at the UW-Madison at the time and some professors asked me who Putin was and what those four terrorists attacks were. A class professor David L, a former state dept diplomatic security employee in anti-terrorism, also asked me about the sinking of the Kursk submarine.

Fast forward to now: men are being kidnapped on the streets, tortured, and many get killed on the battlefield shortly after. My cousin Serhiy was kidnapped in a housewares store in Lviv and got killed near Avdiivka in one day. BTW, he was an invalid from birth, he could only see you with one eye by turning his head to the side. There were seven people in a trench there when a [250 kg. = 500 lbs.] guided airplane bomb landed. Two of them, heavily wounded, were found; five others were missing. I did not make any conclusions then, until I found out that many bodies of dead soldiers were being buried on purpose so as not to pay 400k to the relatives. I estimate 25% or so.

Cops have hired organized criminal gangs of so-called military recruiter teams to kidnap men everywhere. Then they mix them up with men from different regions, so the locals will not recognize them. This is a 1937 NKVD Soviet-style tactic. Borders are locked, men cannot leave and entire country became a gulag. People would fight but not for a concentration camp...

Now, concerning real Christians who are following the teachings of Jesus of Nazareth: in Russia, if you oppose this war you could get up to 15 years in prison for discrediting the armed forces, in Ukraine 3-5 years or more. Only 300 out of 40,000 priests in Russia have stood up for their faith openly against the war. Truly, I say, state and the church must not be one body. States wage wars, put people to prison, do everything possible to prevent the Kingdom of God now, just like the Jewish Sanhedrin or Roman Empire at the time of Jesus.

As for me, I preach the Gospel to everybody I can. I had to cut off contact with many military officers I knew for decades, just like dry branches from the tree of life. I even had a dream about blossoming tree and me cutting off dry branches at my grandma's village just before Easter.

This is just an introduction, feel free to correct errors as I am typing it on my phone.

(NOTE: a day after he wrote this, he sent me a copy of a letter from the U.S. Embassy informing him that as of June 1, Ukraine will not allow men 18-60 years old who are dual citizens to leave Ukraine. They must remain in Ukraine and fight in the war.)