

KSENIA'S JOURNEY



On our way to Warsaw



In the big city of Warsaw



Queues at the Ukrainian Embassy



Just got the extension to my passport



Had to say goodbye to my old, ripped boots

Ukrainian teenager **KSENIA YAKUTINA**'s long wait for her family's visas to come to Ashbourne finally started to come to an end this week - but it's not all good news yet...



THIS week was great. We got lots of positive news! We got four visas! Not in one day of course but still we got them.

On Tuesday we decided to go to Warsaw to extend my international passport. We bought tickets and when I woke up in the morning I had a message that my visa was ready to pick up in Warsaw. What a coincidence!

We had a long journey, our train was delayed for four hours, so we came back really late!

Thankfully we know James Archer at Theotrust and they "saved" us. Our place of stay was so far from the train station and to get there you needed so much money for a taxi.

They booked us a hotel. We were in seventh heaven from happiness.

In the morning we went to the Ukrainian embassy. It was overcrowded there. Our queue number was 1,427!

Once we got it we went to the visa centre and in three hours got my visa.

Then we went back to the embassy again and found out that the queue number was 1,216. So in one day, only 100 people got their documents.

We decided to come the next day with hope that we'll manage to do that even though they work till 1pm because of holidays.

Next day the queue moved so fast! Lots of people didn't come. So by 12.30pm we got my passport extended.

Sadly, my boots ripped and it was so painful to walk in them, so we had to buy new ones. I was happy! Now it didn't hurt to walk.

Also we managed to meet some friends from Ukraine in Warsaw and we had a nice talk with



Visa queues, delays and broken boots... but still so thankful



Meeting our friends

them. We really enjoyed Warsaw, as it was our first time in a big city! Once we got home we got to know that Egor's visa had not come yet. And that the process was slowed.

Many families, like us, got all the visas except one family member. Not good.

But we know that everyone in the UK does their best and hopefully we will get the last visa.

Sometimes it is hard to wait, because we don't have work, school or anything to do, so days seem longer.

But we are safe, which is the most important thing.

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We still pray about all the people in our city, in Ukraine. It is really hard there physically and emotionally.

We know that God is doing lots of miracles in Ukraine now, missiles do not reach the destinations, enemy surrenders, and our friends are saved by miracles.

So we continue helping Ukraine with what we can and hope for the best.