

KSENIA'S JOURNEY

This week 17-year-old Ukrainian refugee **KSENIA YAKUTINA** can finally share the news she and her family have all been waiting for...



Finally we're here in this BEAUTIFUL town... and we are so grateful!

HELLO everyone! New update! Great news!

This week had so many events. First of all we got five visas and we were waiting for Egor. But it didn't come for a really long time.

One evening I got a call from James Archer (remember, I told you about him, from Theotrust) and he was saying that we got the letter that the visa is going to come in 48 hours.

We didn't know 100% is it going to come, because lots of people I know got it later.

What he suggested is that we could fly on Friday, because the tickets are cheap, but if we don't - next week's are expensive, so we will have to wait more.

We were really tired of waiting and doing nothing.

Really. So, we decided to go. If Egor's visa doesn't come, then we will split in half and some go, some wait for the visa.

We decided that on Wednesday night and on Tuesday afternoon we had train. So, in one morning we cleaned everything up, packed things and gone to the train station.

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James came to collect us. It was my mum's and Egor's first flight on the plane. They loved it!

Then some really good people here met us and we went to our new home. Until the last point I didn't believe that we are here. And that it is not a three-day holiday.

We went into our house. I couldn't believe my eyes. People here made it so comfy and good. We had furniture, kitchen and every room looking beautiful. I have my OWN room now!!! And it is beautiful. I was so happy. I even do not have enough vocabulary to express how happy I was.

I still do not believe that it all happened.

On Friday we went to a meeting for Ukrainians and their sponsors. It was great! I have met so many people and felt a support from them, they are really open.

Of course, we were shocked with the money which you need for leaving, it is much

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Getting ready to board the plane en-route to their new home in Ashbourne



KSENIA AND FAMILY TAKE LAST LEG OF JOURNEY FROM WAR-TORN UKRAINE TO ARRIVE SAFELY IN ASHBOURNE

more expensive than in Ukraine and also there is six of us.

Also lots of people came just to say "Hi" Some of them cooked some food for us, so we do not worry about cooking on our first day.

Also shop near us that sells flowers, vegetables and fruit came and gave some to us.

We couldn't say a word. We were really amazed. That's why we had to come to them again and say thank you.

And a shop near to us gave us some bread! That day we didn't know that everything is closed. We also had a walk in the town - SO BEAUTIFUL!

Tomorrow we are going to visit the school

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which we are going to go to. So excited.

So, just want to say thank you to everyone who is helping. I want to thank everyone but do not know how yet.

Me and my family are so grateful! But that is not it. We will be praying for Ukraine, and once we have jobs we want to sent some money to people who are there and have no opportunity to work, and to the army.

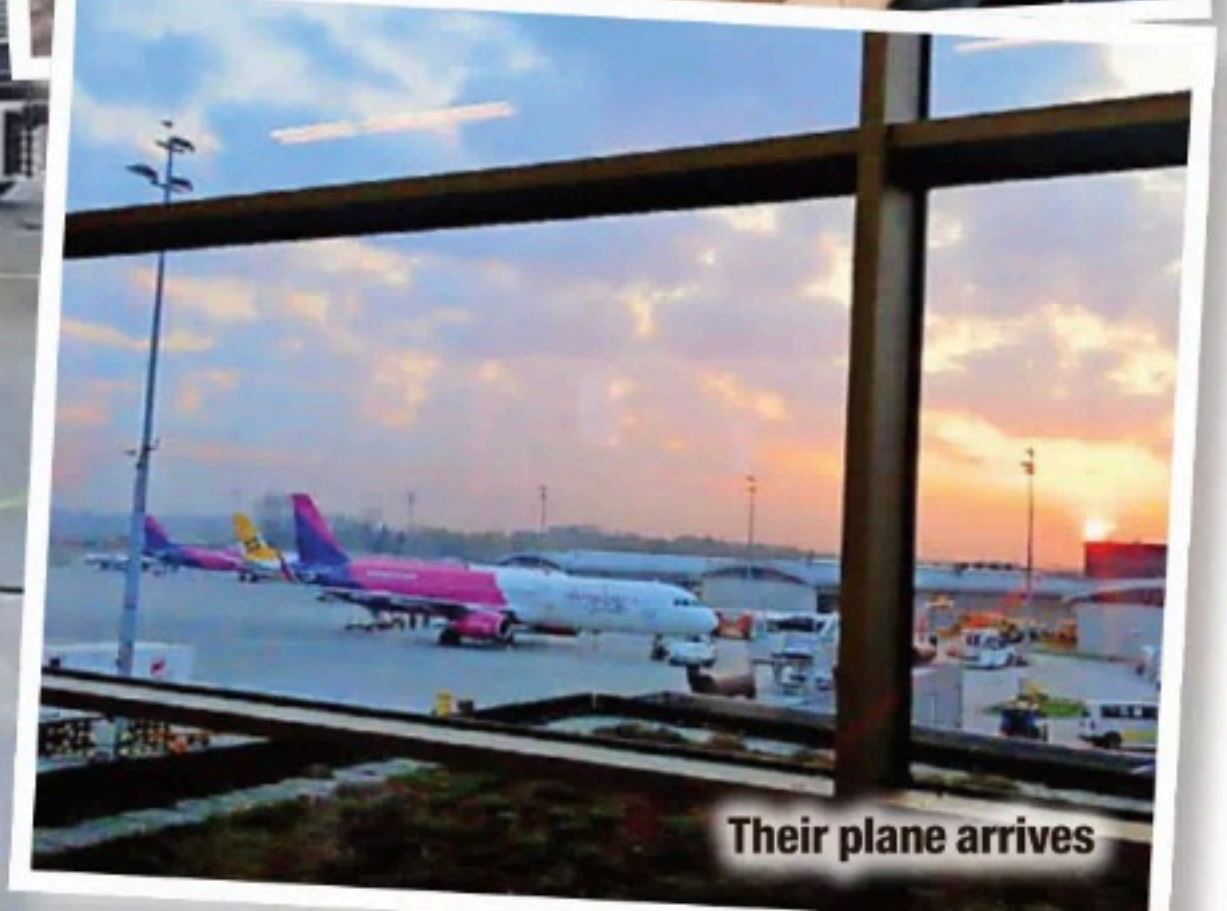
Thank you for you support, please stand with us for Ukraine.



The family leaves the village of Krobia in Poland



On the train bound for the airport



Their plane arrives



Boarding the plane - next stop, England