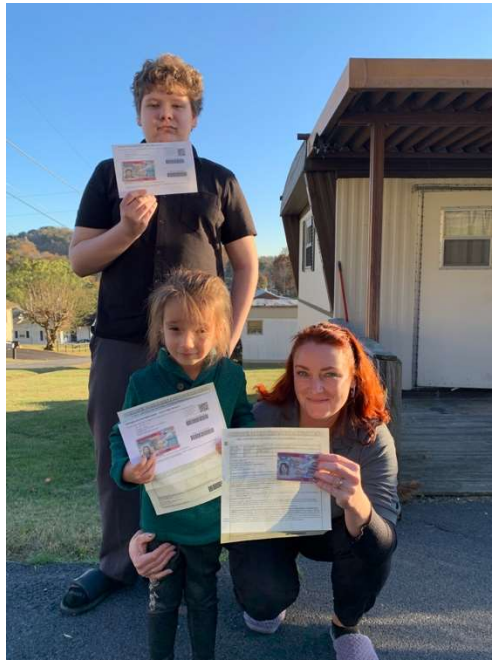


## “Christmas came early for Oksana, Maksym and Alisa”



On October 1, 2023, Abigail Peterson of Elmore and Peterson Law Firm, in a letter to US Citizenship and Immigration Services confirmed that Oksana and children hold “legal immigration status” by way of her current Temporary Protected Status and pending asylum application submitted March 17, 2023. A few days later, Oksana received notification that she and the children may remain in the United States until her asylum application is decided. Along with that, she was informed that her employment authorization is extended under the pending asylum application for five years to October 3, 2028. In addition to the sheer joy of getting this information, there was a bit of light humor that came along with it. The employment authorization applies to everyone listed on the asylum application. This includes Oksana, Maksym, and Alisa. She will turn five years old on November 28, 2023! Alisa is not certain where she will go to elementary school yet, so where her first job will be is still up in the air!