

## How in the world is Oksana?

On Christmas day, I received an unexpected call from Oksana Lypska wishing Kathy and me a Merry Christmas! I was so surprised to hear her speaking English despite the strong Ukrainian accent. All our previous conversations had to go through the Google translator, so a direct conversation was great. She said Maksym (18) and Alisa (7) are fine. Both are doing well in Greene County schools. Oksana works in the deli at Food City in Chuckey, TN. She says this job helps her English as she interacts with customers every day. Attached is a picture of her being recognized as the “Associate of the Month” of December. She has stayed in touch with the immigration attorney who prepared and submitted her asylum application. Oksana decided to not pursue asylum by marriage just yet. She and the children are covered by her asylum application, but if she elects to use the spousal option children would not be included unless her husband adopts them. Maybe later but not now! She says life is good for her there, but she is not driving yet. She does worry about the everchanging rules of immigration and ICE enforcement even though she has proper legal status. She asked me to say hello and Merry Christmas to everyone at FPC and thank you for so generously supporting her!



# Holston Habitat Houses

## FPC Kingsport has helped build:

1. Carrie Dukes (Cash) - 1989  
Carrie Dukes (Cash) addition - 1993
2. Billy & Shirley Thorp - 1992
3. Bob & Evelyn Wells - 1994
4. Thomas & Jacqueline Tatchi - 1995
5. James & Angelina Isley - 1997
6. Marc & Carla Gilliam - 1999
7. Michael & Tammy Gravens - 2000
8. Sheila Peters (Duncan) - 2001
9. Jeremy & Amber Kent - 2003
10. Libby Brown - 2006
11. Billy Sims - 2007
12. Michael & Peggy Mendenhall - 2009
13. Misty Churchwell - 2012
14. Nadine Skaggs - 2017
15. Darien & Danielle Dingus - 2018
16. Joe & Jennifer Brewster - 2019
17. Ashleigh Woodbury - 2020
18. Darlene Sutherland - 2022
19. Marquette Bishop - 2023
20. Matt Willis - 2025