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## Re-mail Service

Dennis Russell worked as a lawnmower repairman. He lived a modest life in Naperville, Illinois. He didn't mingle with the locals or belong to any civic groups in town. His contact with people was all about fixing their lawn mowers. Dennis simply kept alone and worked when there was work to do. Being out of public view is the Stavrosian way of life. Once-in-a-while he would be called on by the S.G.L. to help out a family in need.

Dennis was most active as a Re-mail service. Passing on communications between families and occasionally for the S.G.L.. He had been the front man for re-mail in Northwest Illinois, Michigan and Indiana. Dennis recently came up as the point man for Ukrainian news about Stavrosians coming out from the war.

Letters sent to him were re-mailed across the U.S. to families waiting to hear if their loved ones were safe. It has been estimated that Dennis has moved over 1500 pieces of mail. The largest re-mail by any of the services since Stavrosian re-mail began in late 1965.

Dennis Russell will be honored at the Chicago First Life Celebration this coming June 18, 2022. He worked alone without any help from other services. All of them have been busy. The library wanted to let the Stavrosian community know the work that has been done in order to keep the known families in touch with each other.

Christine Russell, wife of Dennis. Has started a group that is trying to collect baby supplies for these mothers coming into Poland. Then with the help of the S.G.L. to assist and supply mothers and children with what they need as they relocate around America, England, and a few of the European countries.

Clothes and baby supplies have been coming at a good rate. The problem is finding usable safe housing for all of them. We have had no response from Asian countries. The south and central Americas have not offered any relocation areas to date.

A special thank you to Christine and her crew for all their help in a most needed way. Look in your local newspapers for a diaper drive and drop off locations.

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