



Deputation Trailhead

A Great Beginning

The "deputation trail" has begun. Our first stop was a missions conference at Bible Baptist Temple in Stonewood, WV. Entering into the "wild and wonderful" State of West Virginia, we found out almost immediately why West Virginia is wonderful - at the next exit there is a Chick-fil-a! (You have to understand what a treat it is for us since we live in a small town and don't get that luxury often.) Starting Wednesday and ending Sunday, the missions conference was a blessing! That church has such a passion for missions. For dinner the very first night, the tables were ornamented with Russian decor: Russian flags, matryoshka dolls, and much more. Also attending the conference were the Mickey family to Africa and the Burnette family to Mexico. We really cannot fit all that there is to tell into this paragraph, but if you would like to know, we'd be glad to share via email. While at the conference, Jonathan was able to book four more meetings for us, including one after a pastor caught him in a restaurant and said that he had heard about us and wanted our family to come present at his church!

Then we were afforded the opportunity to present at Harmony Baptist Church in Waterford, Pennsylvania. While there, we became acquainted with the faithful members of the church and met a few missionaries. The conference was a blessing and the main speaker, Brother Maldoff, preached a series of messages on the Great Commission. He had a unique way of presenting Christ's command so that I will remember (and probably borrow) those ideas in the future.

Resurrection in Russia

A Weekly Reminder

Every Resurrection Sunday people around Russia repeat what is known as the Paschal greeting. It is derived from the traditions of the Orthodox Church and is exchanged between people who usually know each other. The first person greets the other with, "Christ is risen." The second person replies, "Indeed, Christ is risen!" If only every soul that reiterated that traditional greeting knew of the saving power that Christ demonstrated when He (the Accepted Sacrifice) arose from the grave that Sunday. It is interesting to note that every week, Russians are reminded of the resurrection. How? The name of the day Sunday is воскресенье which literally means "resurrection." This tidbit of Russian culture is a great way to open the door in sharing the Gospel.



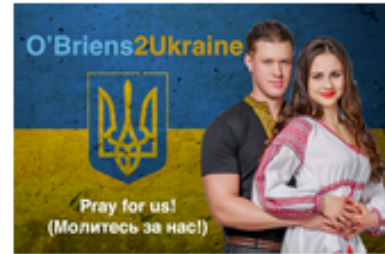
Little Vivian's rash is gone! Her face and hands look and feel much better. That has been a matter of prayer for us that God would give the dermatologist wisdom to help our daughter. This picture also happens to be Vivian's first selfie - she obviously loves the Slavic outfit that her grandparents in Ukraine sent her.



On April 17th we are going to be on the radio!

Jonathan and Christian radio station WVGW will be discussing our future missions work in Russia.

If you are in West Virginia, tune into 89.7 FM for the West Union area and 90.1 FM for the Clarksburg area. You can also listen to the broadcast at wvgvradio.com or by calling 712-832-8079 on your phone. Praise the Lord for another way to get the message out! Maybe a few more people will pray. Don't forget to tune in!



We are excited about some of our family starting deputation as well. Steven and his wife Nina are missionaries to Ukraine. They have been faithfully serving in Kharkov, Ukraine. Steven will be traveling with Brother John O'Brien for two months in order to raise much-needed support. Pray for them as they travel and try to find financial partners. info@obriens2ukraine.com They will be here in the United States for 5 weeks, predominately on the East Coast so if you can have them visit and present their work, please contact them.

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"Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand." Romans 15:20-21