



## Actions in August

So, we now have become fairly familiar with expediting things over here. Praise the Lord that there is a reliable company that can deliver to Ukraine. This month, we have had multiple apostilled documents sent over to help us continue sailing through the seas of bureaucracy on this adventure.



This year was the church's third VBS. So far, we have been involved in every single one! We are thankful for the opportunity to reach children in this city for Christ. We didn't have record attendance this year, but we did have a couple visitors from Odessa - and Liza came with us each day of VBS. [Thank you for praying for Liza and her mother.]



Jonathan wrote a skit called "The Black Heart" to go along with the VBS theme this year. Nina, Bro. John, and Katrina did a great job?. Judging from the laughs, giggles, and serious attention given, we think the kids really enjoyed it.



Was able to spend some time with the church here and later take a few of them to evangelize at the nearby park. We had mixed reactions (from cursing and spitting to people asking for the literature we were distributing.) Jonathan got

Did you hear that? There were some angels singing not long ago! Nina's mom (pictured on the left) made a profession of faith! Nina had prayed for 10 years for this day. [Thank you for praying too.] What a wonderful peace God gives the repentant person who believes on Jesus for salvation.



invited to attend a Russian Orthodox service, but he stated that he had already tried it once. Then Jonathan asked the gentleman if he had ever tried a Baptist service. The gentleman admitted he hadn't but would read the literature he was given. Praise the Lord for language progress!

## Update from Ukraine

So much is happening right now here in Ukraine, but we are trusting the Lord for it all. We ask that you pray for our van. We were getting it checked out - when suddenly a hose under the hood started spraying water everywhere, causing the engine to overheat! This makes the legally required 13-hour trip across the border by September 7th impossible, but God works in mysterious ways. Why do I say that? Because God knew that my posvidka (being processed for school and necessary for border crossing) wouldn't be ready until until Sept. 15th. But how does that help? Because the van is down, we can submit a number of documents to a government office here in order to obtain plenty of time!

We have a few other praises. I passed all of my entrance exams for the university! Some were surprises, but "TIU" (This is Ukraine). Another praise is that Katrina's visitors Liza and her mother Natasha came to church. Also, worthy of mention is the completion of the application phase for my student visa and renewed posvidka (residence permit). Such represents countless visits to several offices with various types, sizes, and amounts of documents. [Think of a relay race/scavenger hunt inside of a maze.] Needless to say, I am looking forward to starting classes very soon.

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### Kharkov Threat Level

Risk of  
invasion or  
terrorist attack



### Slavic Fact

Instead of going  
barefooted,  
Russians wear  
"tapochki"  
inside their  
homes.



### Upcoming Events

Univ. Starts  
Sept. 3

Van Trip  
Sept. 17-19

### Month's Messages

