JANUARY 2018



Kharkov **Threat Level Risk** of invasion or terrorist attack



Russia Fact

Many people only buy a tree branch to decorate and an artificial tree can be very costly!



Upcoming **Events**

Sweetheart Banquet Feb 10

Cherith's Birthday March 11th

Month's Messages



The Beginning of a New Year

By the close of the evangelism campaign last month, Jonathan saw three new young men visit the church. Two were Iranian and one was Ukrainian. Prav that each of these young men will learn more about God and be led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



Snow! We knew it would be coming eventually - and actually were quite surprised with everyone else when we had warmer-than-usual temperatures in December. However, we are now well into real, winter weather and can only anticipate what February will look like.

Here is one of the results of the Christmas cookies that we gave to our neighbors. We were invited over for tea (which is very cultural here) and were able to make their acquaintance. This has been one of the benefits of living amongst the people. Praise the Lord that the door is open for us to continue this relationship as we seek share the Gospel.

What's New

By the time you read this, midterm exams will probably be all finished for us. Thank you so much for keeping us in your prayers! At the last minute (2 days before the test) a new class was added by the Dean of Foreign Students. It is a class for those who are seeking to work in some field of law. (This actually might be important later on.) Katrina and I had to purchase two new books and work immediately on memorizing a semester's worth of information in addition to studying for our other tests and exams. The Lord helped us receive the highest grade possible and we were the first ones done with our test!

Things have been slowed down somewhat due to the snow and ice, but we are eagerly "biting at the bit" to accomplish more. Please keep praying for the young man and young lady (mentioned in our previous prayer letter) that are being taught the Bible currently.

We have had more people express interest in helping with the Dorcas Project! One is from Virginia and the other three are from Ohio. Please pray about the regulations from the European Union that are seeming to restrict the amount of religious education that can be done in government-funded orphanages. There are still open doors, but we must be wise concerning how to best walk through them.



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The box of Farsi (Persian) Bibles that we purchased from the BEAMS Bible Ministry came. Two Iranian young men held in their hands (for the first time in their lives) a Bible in their own

language. Both have promised to read it carefully. One of them shared with us about the possible penalty of having a complete Bible in his possession - and he is not even a convert yet! [The reason why our prayer letters are redacted are for their protection.] Pray that God's Word would do Its work in each of their hearts.

We love when care packages arrive in the mail! Our family is so thankful for all the letters, boxes, and special financial gifts we have received from our supporting churches in the United States during the past two months.

<u>Thank you so much!</u>

We want you to know that we deeply appreciate your care and that we count it a joy and a privilege to represent your love for Christ here amongst Russianspeaking people.