



Jam-packed June

Exams are completed and so is the school year! Katrina and I both received high marks. Thank you so much for your prayers! God helped us to perform better than we even expected. With the school year ended, now begins summer tutoring in preparation for the autumn entrance exams.

Our 6th anniversary was celebrated on the 21st of June. We stayed in the city and were able to spend some time without the kids. We are very thankful for Mrs. Cathy and Nina O'Brien agreeing to watch them.

Toward the last part of June, Jonathan was able to witness to 6 young men from the Middle East (4 of which are pictured here). When Jonathan presented one Bible to the person it was intended for, immediately the others asked for one as well. Praise the Lord that Jonathan listened to the Holy Spirit and brought another copy. Now we need to order more Bibles in Farsi because we have run out - that's a good problem! Pray for fruit as Bible lessons are offered and relationships are developed.



Vivian brought her first visitor to church on Father's Day! The daughter of our landlord begged her mother to visit with Vivian and she agreed. The relationship-building has steadily progressed through interactions like birthday parties, play dates, and such. Our family praises the Lord for this step. This was their first time to ever attend a Gospel-preaching church. Consider that!

It's a happy day when someone makes a profession of faith! We first saw Kira (on the right) at the church's first VBS in July 2016 - that we were able to help with. Nina and Katrina were blessed to be used of the Lord to witness to her, but Sonya (on the left) helped bring her and her family to church. Sonya was very excited to see her friend make such an important decision! Sonya, for sure, planted the seeds by witnessing to Kira first. It's always exciting to see young people eager to share their faith with others.

Prayer Requests

- For the students - that God would work in their hearts
- For wisdom
- For protection
- For Russia's religious freedom
- For the ministry here in Kharkov
- For our Unspoken Requests

Update from Ukraine

Looking back at how much I struggled with the language at the very beginning, I am thankful for the opportunity to study Russian steadily throughout the school year. Much more progress is needed and more learning is in the plans for next year. One of my goals for this summer is to translate a few sermons and preach my in Russian for the first time - when the opportunity arises. Also in the works is the production of a video celebrating our first year on the mission field. We have so much to be thankful for.

One blessing we would like to share is that a supporting church in Oregon raised money through their VBS program to help us purchase teaching material for the chronological Bible teaching of children and adults (hearing and deaf). The visual aides and lesson outlines will be a blessing for many years to come. We produced 6 videos which can be helpful for any other churches desiring to use them to teach children about the culture, language, and need for reaching people in Ukraine. If this would be a blessing to your church, just let us know!

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Kharkov Threat Level

*Risk of
invasion or
terrorist attack*



Slavic Fact

Approximately
17 million
people live
below the
poverty line in
Russia.



Upcoming Events

1-Yr. on Field
July 7
Bible Club Trip
July 16-20

Month's Messages

