

Kharkov Threat Level

Risk of invasion or terrorist attack



Slavic Fact

Like pennies to dollars, there are 100 kopecks in 1 Russian ruble.



Upcoming **Events**

> **VBS** Aug. 6-10

Vehicle Trip Sept. 3-5

Month's Messages









July Snapshots

Katrina had the opportunity to translate for the deaf on two Sundays this month. She did a great job! The deaf group gave very positive feedback and were thankful for her jumping in to help.

We are trying to involve ourselves in community events where we can get to know people and build relationships. As a result of this Family Day event, we were featured on their Instagram feed.

"Thank You!" to each church who participated in the Dorcas Project effort to provide hand-made dresses for orphans in Ukraine! Pictured are a few of the girls with the cards written to them, expressing the love for them that went into making the dress they are wearing. Somebody remarked that the young ladies obviously like the dresses because

they were walking around like "little princesses." If you would like to see additional pictures, we have shared several in the Dorcas Project group on Facebook. Pictured on the far right is Liza, a little girl that Vivian and Cherith have been making friends with.

Katrina has been reaching out to Liza's mother and this was a big step to let her daughter attend church with us. Please be praying for Natasha (the mother) and Liza to come to know our Lord the Saviour.

Jonathan traveled down to the southwestern port city of Odessa, Ukraine where a missionary named Brother Mark Priem has a ministry to a local childrens' home. From July 16th-20th, over 60 children attended the Bible club. Their stories and reasons

for being separated from their mother and father (if still alive) were heartbreaking. There is a huge need there and we are thankful to have been a small part of that outreach. Praise the Lord for churches reaching out with the Gospel to the next generation!



On July 7th, we sent a physical letter and shared a video on YouTube, celebrating one year since leaving for the mission field. (A link to the video is available in the email we sent with this prayer letter.) God has truly been faithful and we are thankful for the faithfulness of those who have committed to pray and give.

During the month of July, I hired a Russian tutor who I discovered is a JW. So far, I've asked his help to learn vocabulary

related to the Biblical account of Noah and the Ark. God even brought a deluge of rain and flooded streets in Kharkov, causing one of our lessons to be rescheduled. Sometimes you just have to laugh, but be thankful for the additional chances to witness.

On the agenda for the near future are several crucial renewals. Please pray that Jonathan passes the three entrance exams for enrollment this fall. Pray for Katrina's paperwork since we may be trying to obtain a different visa type for her. In addition to all of that is our upcoming trip across the border to either Poland or Moldova to be able keep our vehicle paperwork legal. July has been busy - and that's the way we like it! Guess what. August looks even busier!

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Prayer Requests

- · For visa renewals and documentation
- · For Jonathan's entrance exams into the 1st year courses
- · For border crossing with the van
- For Russia's religious freedom
- · For the ministry here in Kharkov