



December Digest

This month, we were excited to meet a missionary family working in Siberia. They moved from Ukraine to work in a remote part of Russia in order to start a church. We felt stirred to help them financially as they are in Russia while we are still preparing to be.

Katrina has been working hard, organizing a children's play at the church. Here she is painting a backdrop with one of the teenage girls. Please pray for Sunday (Dec 30th) that all goes well and that Katrina's efforts have a fruitful outcome.

It took an entire year to be able to have our neighbors over so we made sure to do everything we could culturally and relationally to make them feel welcome. This time we were able to meet two of our neighbor's grown children and their grandchildren. Praise the Lord for this opportunity. On this same day, we were invited by yet another family to visit them in their apartment nearby! We shall see how that turns out later.

Update from Ukraine

Warmest greetings!

First off, let us say that we are so thankful for your prayers! Katrina was able to finally obtain her one-year residency - on the final day before her permission expired and she would have had to return to the States for several months. This was in no way her fault, but the lawyer who has POA on the property she was filing to live at came down sick with pneumonia the day after Katrina called, and only returned to work on the last day that Katrina had left. *There's nothing like God's ability to show His faithfulness! Praise Him for this mini-miracle.*

This month, I was invited by the director of the International Department of Foreign Languages to help teach the students and university professors who may be interested in having their ability to speak English internationally certified. This was an unexpected opportunity and one that I have started praying about and negotiating. Please pray that God's will is done.

In answer to our prayers, Ukraine decided not to extend martial law past the initial 30 day period! Hopefully, that means a lower expectation of future hostilities and prices.

Thank you for praying up to this point for semester testing. They have gone fairly well. Now what lies ahead are the three biggest exams, right after the New Year.

Katrina and I would both like to express our gratitude for the wonderful Christmas blessings that our family received this year from supporting churches and a few individual families. Thank you for your expression of love to us and our two daughters. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness!



Jonathan taught his first Sunday School lesson - all in Russian! There were a few pronunciation mistakes and such, but it's a start! Praise the Lord for the opportunity to do so. Now to make each lesson longer and longer with fewer and fewer mistakes. This is an exciting step towards being ready for Russia.



It is always necessary to share the Gospel - even when it's freezing cold outside!

Christmas is a great time to remind people of the reason why we have a holiday to celebrate. Jesus was born so that

we would have a Saviour to pay the wages of our sin on the cross of Calvary. And we have two Christmases (the other on January 7th) so we get to do this all again!

Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedom
- For the ministry here in Kharkov
- **For language learning**
- For the health of my Russian teacher's parents.
- **For a peaceful end to the war**



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Quick Fact
Russia's Mount Elbrus is the highest mountain in Europe at 18,510 ft.



**Upcoming
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**New Year's
Event**

12/31

Winter Finals

12/26-01/15

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