



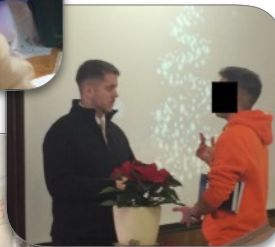
Displaying December

We now have another crawler! Cherith worked through December to accomplish this milestone in her life. Is this a selfie with our Christmas tree? We actually aren't sure, but Cherith is definitely making strides - no pun intended.



"Mike", our Iranian friend, has visited the church very faithfully and, God-willing we will start studying the Bible together on Saturday, December 30th. He has had many, many great questions concerning faith, religion, and the Bible. Thank you for praying! It is evident that the Holy Spirit has been preparing him. We purchased a Bible in Farsi for him and directed him to an electronic version to use in the meantime. Jonathan is very excited about beginning the teaching soon!

Katrina and I did more evangelism for the marathon. We just hope to be an encouragement to the church people here so that they will fully realize the need to reach their own city.



Katrina has started teaching each week a young lady named Deanna who needs Christ. (Deanna came to church the first time through this summer's VBS.) The first lesson went very well and she will continue onward in being taught the foundational truths necessary to know God and understand what

Katrina followed through on her idea to put together little bags of sugar cookies and Christmas cards for each of the families on our apartment floor. She wrote Luke 2:11 in Russian as part of our Christmas greeting. I'm thankful for a wife like her!



salvation is. Ukraine is unlike the USA in many ways. Some people are very confused by what they have heard from various cults and religions. Others cannot distinguish between a Bible and a hymn book - no exaggeration. We are thankful to be placed where we are needed.

What's New

This year has flown by! The first six months were spent on deputation and the last six months were spent on the mission field. We are very thankful for all that has transpired. Our celebration of Jesus' birth this year was great. For the first time, Ukraine recognized December 25th as a holiday. Everyone had the day off from classes so we were able to have an entire day together as a family. Thank you to Community Baptist Church for sending a Christmas box just for Vivian! That was such a blessing. We really enjoyed reading together as a family the children's' book included in the box. This month had some interesting cultural learning experiences. It is mind-boggling sometimes how surprisingly different two cultures can be. [There are so many stories that we could tell.] Another interesting occurrence this month was a rare chance to make the acquaintance of the university President. When he asked if there was anything he could do, I had the opportunity to tell him through a translator that I would like him to secure the possibility to keep studying Russian at the university. Please pray about this as many politically-motivated changes are happening in Ukraine. We are looking forward to next year in faith that our Almighty God will keep fulfilling His plan!

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



**Russia
Fact**
Pepsi-Cola
once traded
their product
to Russia for
17 subs, a
cruiser,
destroyer,
and frigate!



**Upcoming
Events**
New Year's
and Russian
Christmas
January 1-7

**Month's
Messages**

