

US DOS Travel Advisory Level



Quick Fact
"Radegast" is
pictured here.
The name was
a tribute of
Tolkein to
Slavic
paganism.
"Believer
beware!"



Upcoming Events

Intl. Women's Day March 8th

Cherith's B- Day

March 11th

## Sending Church

Grace BC 101 Donation Rd. Greenville, PA 16125

Support Address

All Points Baptist Mission PO Box 977 New Philadelphia, OH 44663

## **February Footsteps**

Even though our license plate was stolen again, I got to pose with a policeman armed with a Kalashnikov - one of the perks of being on the mission field. Pray as we try to navigate the process of either getting it back or registering our vehicle with Ukrainian plates.

Valentine's Day is celebrated here too, even though I've heard from multiple nationals that it's "не наш праздник" - meaning that it is not their holiday. Regardless, we had a couple of visitors at the banquet and I had my lovely wife there among the 10 couples that attended.

Cherith is growing fast! We often call her our little "cheburashka" when she resembles one with her winter hat on. Pray for our girls. Vivian has been asking some serious questions about salvation. We have been teaching, but pray that her heart would be open.



Pictured is one of the larger auditoriums at the

university. This is where hundreds of students are being taught linguistics. I am looking forward to using this opportunity to improve my understanding of the language and culture. Here's a surprise blessing: the professor can speak English!

Brother O'Brien and I are pictured here out reaching the neighborhood again around the church with Christian newspapers and Gospel tracts. We were able to use the new QR code that I created

which links to both the church website and more information about salvation.

## **Update from Ukraine**

Classes are well under way! This semester is going to be challenging with two new classes taught in Ukrainian - but at least we are starting to learn the Ukrainian language now. One thing that I am excited about is our new Russian teacher. She brings a different style of teaching and an organized, well-regulated method of managing the classroom. She also can explain things in English. You cannot imagine what a blessing this is! I look forward to progressing ever quicker in the language. Another blessing is the increased homework [Yes, you read

that right.] translating from Russian into English and vice versa. That is helping me to wrap my mind around the nuances of the language more and more.

The opportunity to participate in the restart of the student newspaper of the Foreign Language Department has increased so that now I am one of the chief editors. I am able to write two different articles for the paper, one under the banner of "An American Perspective" and the other under "Words to Live By." Both will provide an opportunity share truth and wisdom from God's Word with the entire department at the university. It also will provide a means of broadening the visibility of the church here through advertisement. The missionary we work with has tried unsuccessfully to try and secure ad space in other newspapers, but the newspapers refused each time. Praise the Lord for this opportunity for the church to be discovered by university students!

I would also like to praise the Lord for the opportunities a couple of days ago to witness extensively to a student and a friend working at the university. Each opportunity was such a blessing - and what an open door presented itself like never before with them. I used a combination of Russian and English.

Someday, I hope that it will all be in Russian!

Those who follow on Facebook are able to keep up-to-date with the international circumstances that may be on the horizon here in Ukraine. Thank you for praying faithfully!

## **Prayer Requests**

- · For Russia's religious freedom
- For the ministry here in Kharkov
- · For language learning
- For a peaceful end to the war
- For the health of a supporting pastor's wife