



## October Occupations



**US DOS  
Travel  
Advisory  
Level**

Katrina spent some time encouraging her childhood friend Zhenya to repent and turn back to God. Pray that Katrina will get more opportunities to meet with her and that we will be able to see Zhenya seek God as she once did many years ago.



Jonathan had the privilege of having a Bible lesson with an Iranian acquaintance from the university. They spent a couple of hours over tea and God's Word, methodically laying the groundwork for an understanding of Scripture and God's redemptive plan.



### Quick Fact

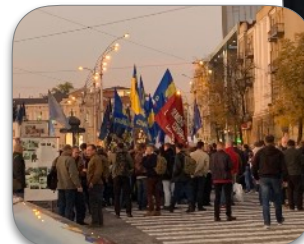
We had an unexpected, but pleasant, surprise visitor come to services from a supporting church in New York. Elena is originally from Kharkov and it was such a blessing to see her again.



Here's some encouraging news: Margarita (second from the left) made a profession of faith! Please pray for her spiritual growth. (Also pictured: Nina, Lilya, Steven)

**Almost every word in Russian that begins with the letter "A" is an adopted (not native to) word in Russian.**

It appears that many in Ukraine are greatly displeased by the actions of the new President concerning his strategy for peace and the disputed Donbass region. People from many factions have protested across the country against what they consider to be a capitulation. Pray for peace in Ukraine and a desirable end to the war. [Pictured: protest in Kharkov on the main city square]



### Upcoming Events

**J's B-Day**  
Nov. 30

## Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedom
- For the ministry in Kharkov
- For language learning
- For a peaceful end to the war
- *Wisdom for big, upcoming decisions*
- *Wisdom for furlough planning*

## Update from Ukraine

It is hard to believe that another month has come and gone! Things have been interesting, as always, here. There is really no way to explain it other than inviting you to live here for a few months. Katrina has successfully applied for her temporary residence renewal. All of the paperwork is finally done and all we have to do is wait and pray.

We are thankful for the weekly opportunities to give Bible lessons each Saturday at a children's home. For me, especially, it has been a great way of using the Russian language for the purpose I am learning it - to reach people with God's Word.

Thank you for praying about the ACT test in Kiev. Everything went according to plan and I was even able to visit and fellowship with some brothers in Christ that Sunday. Now we hope that both the university and the Ukrainian Ministry of Education will accept the results of the test and make official all of the credits I have earned. But even if they don't, I am thankful for the chance to study Russian.

In the works is an update video to be shown on furlough. We made an initial version for a supporting church in Ohio and I will be making the final edition available to all of our supporters in a few months. Planning is currently underway for visits to the Northeast predominately as we make the most of the little time that we have in the United States. Please pray for wisdom as the due date for Baby #3 falls right into the middle of traveling and reporting.

Thank you for your continual intercessions. You don't know how much they mean to us. God bless and keep you all!

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