



January

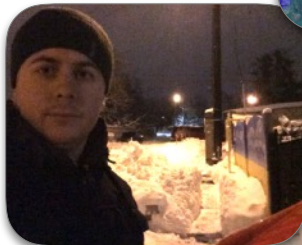
Vivian, Cherith, their cousin Freyja, their aunt Nina, and a teenage girl from the neighborhood all did their parts in the Christmas (Jan 7th) play. The hard work that Katrina did in organizing everything certainly was appreciated by the church people. It was the first time the church had done anything like it.



One of the perks of being a missionary kid! Vivian was able to hold an owl named Pêtr (Peter). We had a family night down in the city square where we spent some time outside tasting the food and letting the kids stretch their legs and enjoy themselves amongst the festivities.



Snow removal! Those from the northern States will understand; shorter days and higher snowbanks. Such is a constant part of the work in winter to keep the sidewalks at the church safe for members and visitors alike.



Praise the Lord for more opportunities to go give Gospel tracts out this month! Pictured is the Chick tract "This Was Your Life" with an embankment of snow behind it. What better way to describe missions work here?



We sent an IFB missionary, working in an orphanage in Kiev, a box filled with items donated through the Dorcas Project.

The blankets and quilted toys from our friends in Post Falls, Idaho were very much appreciated by the children at the orphanage. This demonstration of love by Baptists was also duly noted by the directors of the orphanage. Thank you so much for being a blessing to orphans in Kiev, Ukraine! (More picture possibly coming to the FB group.)

Update from Ukraine

Thank you to all who prayed faithfully for the exams that I had during the first half of this month. They tested our knowledge of all the subjects that we had been studying throughout the semester. It was a blessing to not only pass, but to have obtained a good grade for each class. This next semester, we will be starting a study of Ukrainian. While I prefer not to, this knowledge may come in handy for the future at some point. Who knows? It's par for the course as I study Russian in this language program.

Praise the Lord for the winter break! It is such a blessing to spend more time working at the church and around the city doing "missionary stuff." Please be in prayer for the contacts that Katrina and I are trying to reach. We are praying for continued opportunities to witness to them.

One of the blessings this month were being able to meet with my friend from Belgorod, Russia. *He called me*, asking if I wanted to meet up while he was in town. Amiably that night, he agreed to start the chron. Bible lessons via video chat. Another contact (Zhenya) and I met up on that Friday. There is much prayer needed for both men as I try to witness through the process of relationship building, but I have been encouraged by the progress and conversations had so far.

A small announcement is in order: the idea that we proposed (last year) to create a website for the Kharkov mission work here was accepted. The site is now live and will be a great tool for telling others about this local church and the Gospel message that is preached. In case you want to check it out, here is the address: faithkharkov.com. Constructive criticism is always appreciated. Connected with that are some big aspirations that our ministry partners and I hope come to fruition. Perhaps that will be in our next prayer letter?

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
To declare everlasting love, Russian couples put a lock on a bridge or "padlock tree" and throw away the key.



Upcoming
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Feb. 14th

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