

*The Wiles Family*



*Missionaries to...*

**Ukraine**



**and**

**Russia**



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Greetings, Friends and Brethren,

December 8<sup>th</sup> will mark our first year in Ukraine, so we're officially Ukrainians now....well, not *really*, but we're trying. We had some pictures taken of us in somewhat traditional Ukrainian clothes (picture at top). You can notice that our little boys are getting bigger, too.

We moved to a new apartment. It's a "one-room" flat that's quite cozy. This new area is quiet, with a forest and a park, and still fairly close to where church is held. This move makes it apartment #3 in our first year living in Ukraine, and the 7<sup>th</sup> time we've moved (8 places we've lived in) since we got married five years ago—and that's *not* including the moving around for nearly two years on deputation. I'm praying that in the very soon coming year(s) we can, somehow, stabilize and quit moving. We have a vision of evangelizing villages and we can do that positioned in an area of surrounding villages. We've looked at some houses and saw one which we're still considering. The owners want twenty-five hundred dollars for the land and the house. There *are* others, of course, but more expensive—from four to seven thousand. The house is a start...I'd like to see us purchase a small travel trailer, large tent for evangelism, and other related helps for the tent evangelism and village outreach. It's just a dream—a vision right now—but I'm praying the Lord will open the doors and give us that opportunity of a lifetime!

I'm still busying myself with the Russian studies, and having some progress. Recently I went to check out a university which teaches the Russian language. The dean and the teacher both think that I know Russian well enough to start to start further in their curriculum (the second class). That was encouraging; it's telling me that *some* of what I'm learning is sticking. Thanks for your prayers! The classes will start in February and, Lord-willing, I will enroll. It will be good for me to converse with other students, and be monitored by a teacher. I'd still like to keep the tutors, but lessen their hours...we'll just have to wait and see what will work best.

I'm memorizing some verses right now for the evangelism we have on the streets. It will be the first time I will preach on the street in another language! It's been very good lately on the streets—there've been many people, and some stop to listen.

Lastly, earlier in the year I heard that J.D. Salinger died. He wrote a book that I read in high school called "The Catcher in the Rye". I was not a christian at the time, and I really identified myself with the main character of the novel, whose name was Holden Caulfield. Holden grew up in a broken home and was a sarcastic, troubled youth, yet still had some persistent idealism. I can't remember it exactly, but Holden had a dream or an idea of some sort, in which he was a catcher in a field of rye. And do you know what the catcher did? He caught *people* from going over the cliff—in essence—Holden wanted to save *others* who were in the rye field from going over the cliff. I remember finishing the book thinking to myself that it would be a good job to have...to be a catcher in the rye. It would be good, I thought, to try to help people from falling over the cliff, like Holden Caulfield wanted to do. It was two years later (after I fell off a *real* cliff), when I realized that *I* couldn't save *anybody*, and that it was *I* who needed to be *saved*. And guess what?!....God made *me* a "catcher in *his* rye", a catcher in his field, and his field is the world. It is true that God will sometimes use *lost* men to deal with *other* lost men...and even be a blessing to *saved* men.

Merry Christmas, the Wiles Family

*"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."*

*-Matthew 1:23*

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