

Our April 2011 Newsletter

Dear Pastors, Brethren, and Friends,

We've been going out as usual on Saturday's to the Vahgzahl (international train station) and passing out tracts and church invitations. There I've been preaching in English, and then a little bit in Russian. Yesterday, I got to show a man, using my Russian bible, how he could be saved. I was able to keep his attention until Kostya showed up a little later with his wife and son. I took him over to Kostya who reiterated some things I had showed him and then went further. We hope he'll have a change of heart and receive the word of truth as it *is* the truth and *not* the word of men. Friday, Perry and I went by where the church services are held and passed out some tracts that are related to upcoming holidays. I got to talk to a Seventh Day Adventist, who said she received the Lord as her saviour when she was 35 years old, and I talked to a Russian Orthodox priest from the Chernobil region, a few hours from Kiev. Lately I've really enjoyed being able to speak in Russian to people about spiritual matters, and I know I'll be glad when I can fluently speak to folks here in their native tongue.

On Friday's my "classroom" curriculum is "the word of God". We learn how to talk about religious matters, because it includes it's own vocabulary and different verbs. This last Friday we started our first prayer in Russian. It's exciting to me to be getting over some barriers, even though I know I have many more hurdles ahead. (And that's just talking about the language barrier!) The other day, I overheard a Ukrainian using the "southern expression", "It ain't happenin' ". It's "не получается" in Russian. By the context of the situation I realized that was what the speaker was implying.

I'm heading to Donetske today, and I should be down there for a few days and then come back, pack, and move. It would be nice if that went that smoothly, but we'll see.

We'll have to renew our registration soon--please pray about that. It's always something new when dealing with the government here. Lately, they wanted us to pay a hefty fine to get some medicine for Joanna. The main director told Galina, Joanna's helper, that unless we paid the fine we wouldn't get it. I felt like we were dealing with the Mafia. Because of that, we've got to find another way to get it here or find something here that would be equivalent.

Thank you ,

The Wiles Family

John 15:16