

January 2011

Greetings,

Thanks very much to those who gave extra and sent cards; we really appreciated it and were blessed. We sent out Christmas cards with a family picture but, from what it sounds like (from our family and some of the pastors), no one received them. We wanted to express to each of you our gratitude for all the labour and devotion that has helped us be here in Ukraine. We frequently thank God for the your prayers and support.

A couple of weeks ago, Perry held institute classes for some of the national Bible believers across the country. He asked me to teach something on cults and so I taught on JW's and Mormons. Well, we were in for a real treat that Friday night when two former JW's "popped in" for a sit-in. Yaroslav and Roland were their names. Yaroslav was on his "praktika" (Russian term for something like "internship"), at the "School of Life" where our services are held, for his degree, when he found out about the Bible institute. He showed up at just the right time. It was really good for the nationals to see and hear, first-hand, what the JW organization is like, and good for me as well. Yaroslav and Roland are both born again but, sadly, some of their family members are still in the JW organization.

Joanna is still not feeling good. On a Wednesday night, the elders in the church "laid on hands" in prayer that she will be healed. We have ordered some medicine from the states to help her, too.

Our registration will expire at the end of this month. So, we'll be heading to Poland or Moldova, crossing the border, and coming right back. I don't want to miss any lessons at school but there's nothing that I can do about it; we have to cross the border.

Please pray for the following: Salvation of Yaroslav and Roland's relatives; Joanna's health; border crossing; language skills

Thanks.

-Rick, Joanna, Silas and Paul

Isaiah 26:3