

Wiles family newsletter

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Greetings,

We are now in Donestk, Ukraine. Donetsk is the fifth largest city in Ukraine with about a million people within the metropolitan area. Mining and other industrial pursuits have been active here for quite some time, with the original establishment of the city owing to a Welsh Industrialist. The Russian language is very predominate in Donestk, more than Ukrainian.

I've contacted a local university about studying Russian further (starting in September) and I'd like to continue with the same regime that I had earlier. I should be able to find out soon if that's possible. Please continue to pray about learning the language. Andre and I have still been getting together, hammering out sermons and talking in Russian. I'm really glad for the practice because, in class, it seemed I just crammed more and more and didn't get to practice much of what I learned. Andre and I pray together every day for God to bless our time together and my language learning. Andre gave his testimony last Sunday and has become the first member of our church.

The prime minister of Great Britain, Tony Blair, was here just a few weeks ago to encourage religions to work together. This was coming from a P.M. who's country is starting to be under Sharia law. Ukraine has about 1500 muslim mosques, which is an explosion, statistically speaking, from just 10 years ago when there was only one. The JW's and the mormons are here, too---also the charismatics. There are even baptists but, sadly, the baptists, here, teach contrary to what the Bible states about eternal security and other sound doctrine. Not too far from where we live the baptists were working with the JW's in a youth ministry together! We see and believe that there is a need for someone to stand for the truth of the gospel in Donestk and surrounding villages, so that souls might be saved by the simplicity of true salvation.

We are thankful that we recieved our registration for another year's time. Thanks for praying about that!

Joanna and the boys are fine, and Silas asked the Lord to save him! (This was completely on his own, but he hasn't brought it up to us since then.) We know he's young--he'll be only 5 in December--but it's good that he's thinking about the things we've been trying to teach him, and so we'll continue to sow the word of God in his heart and pray. Joanna sings christian hymns to the boys every night while they are falling asleep. Thank you for your prayers concerning our family, the boys' salvation, and the ministry!

In Him,

The Wiles Family