

Our May 2011 News & Prayer Letter

We left Kiev and our friends there on the 9th of May, heading toward Donetsk. When we were closer to Donetsk, we picked up some Ukrainians along the way. I'm glad we did, because the roads in and around the Donetsk area are terrible, and I hit a large pothole which bent the front right and right rear wheel rims. One of the passengers went to fixing our "chariot" Ukrainian-style--he grabbed the ax and used the back side of it to pound the metal of the rim back into shape and we then traveled on! I thought to myself that sometimes it's more "important" (for your own good) that you help people because they might just be *more* of a help to *you*.

We are in a two room apartment now, and have been having church services in our apartment. Our brother in the Lord and friend, Andre, has been joining us in our services and has been helping me practice my Russian. We have "lessons" in Russian, specifically how to *preach* in Russian. We go over what I'm going to preach for the following service. We get together *every* day, so I'm wondering who is going to get tired of who first. Andre doesn't know any English, so I am speaking only Russian with him. The Lord gave me a message right on the spot with Andre (out of 2nd Timothy 3:10-12) and I titled it, "God's Plan for Paul". The three main points were "Paul's Patience", "Paul's Purpose" and "Paul's persecutions". Last Sunday we had our first visitor whose name is Kolva. He's a born-again child of God, but due to his teachers he can't rightly divide the scriptures. He's Jewish, too, which makes things a little interesting. We had some good fellowship after church! It was a blessing.

We've been going to the train station to preach and pass out gospel tracts. We will be facing many new challenges and obstacles here in Donetsk, and we have a lot of work to do! I'm excited to see what we, by God's grace and provision, will be able to accomplish for his Glory. I believe we won't be disappointed if I will, by his power, be diligent and patient to persevere through the challenges ahead.

I would like you all to pray about the following if you can:

- Maxine Holbrook family, spiritual and physical circumstances
- My mother, Beverly Smith, health and possible surgery
- Bret Crabtree, serious health issue, cancer of the throat
- Tent evangelism this summer
- My Russian language skills
- The church to grow and salvation of souls
- New registration with government
- Bea & Bill Gartin, health

Thank you very much for your consistent faith, love, prayers, and support toward us in Ukraine

The Wiles Family