

October 2011 Newsletter

Greetings and thank you for your prayers and support. We were near the center of the city evangelizing when a woman came up to Andre and immediately proceeded to call the police. We were all taken to the police station to be questioned. The woman reacted emotionally because Andre said she didn't need to pray to the orthodox saints (specifically Nikolai Ugodnik) but to Jesus Christ only. Well, she took that as cursing, and called the police. The Police said she was wrong in this situation, but that if we had called her stupid or said a bad word to her...it would have been a different story. They said if she called again without due cause she would be fined 70 dollars, and that she needs to think before she makes a call like that. Honestly, I felt sorry for the poor woman. She had nothing to stand on...no authority on which to base her claims or her argument. The cop even said to her, "How do you know that that saint is holy?"..."the price of bread is rising again, and to me *that's* a curse, but I can't call the police about it." Overall, I think it was good for us to have had that ordeal, and for her that God might use what we and the officers said to wake her up out of her faith in false religion.

Syergei passed out a "This was Your Life" tract to a young woman who ripped up the tract near him. After about 5 minutes she came back and apologized, saying that "it was an emotional reaction", and asked for both of the tracts he was offering. She was a Muslim, and offered him her own tract titled "Islam--a Religion of Peace". Syergei has been very faithful. Even after working the night shift (6pm-9am), he is out on the streets that morning, passing out gospel tracts with us. Thank you for your prayers concerning the evangelism.

We had Sasha come in for a few days. He is a Ukrainian preacher...a young man and very knowledgeable about the Bible. He works with orphanages in Jitomer and in a village that we evangelized with him a year and a half ago, and he preaches in and around Jitomer. We took up our first "church offering" for him and the work there. We look forward to having him come regularly.

We made a "deal" with the "Universe International Language Club" around the corner where we live. They will let us have services there for only \$75 a month and I can use it as I please when there are no classes going on. In exchange for this, I agreed to speak to a class in English, twice a week, on a given subject. I think God would have us to focus more closely in our own neighborhood. May God use this open door of opportunity to reach souls for Christ.

Please pray about the church house we want to build; we will need 20,000 U.S. dollars. The locals here told us that it's expensive to hire professional help. We know the Great Masterbuilder, but I believe he would prefer to use somebody else than come himself. I have heard of Laborers for Christ, and of other organizations that come over to "mission countries" and build. I'll plan to do some searching, but if you know of someone or some other organization please send us an e-mail.

Thank you for your help,
The Wiles Family