

## Our Newsletter for SEPTEMBER 2011

Syergei (in the picture, left of me) was baptized this month in a lake near the village where we bought a house. It's starting to get cool now, but the water wasn't too cold that day. We explained to Syergei what baptism means and what it doesn't. Syergei has been out on the street with us passing out tracts every Saturday, either at the train station or at the center. Andre told me yesterday that Syergei's old girlfriend called him (she is married now) and he told her that he got saved. She mocked him by saying, "What?... are you holy now?...You'll be back smoking cigarettes and drinking vodka". He ended up telling her not to call him anymore, which was good. Please continue to pray for him and his Christian growth.

The house we purchased had major structural problems which we thought, earlier, to be only minor, needing few repairs...we were sadly mistaken. The house has been leveled and a new foundation has been laid. It took the men almost two months, but now we have a real solid foundation to build upon for the house/church. By American standards the house is not large, but the church hall is bigger than any other room in the house. This type of building here has a name in Russian. They call it "молитвенный дом" which means "prayer house". We have made the construction site winter-ready and will save up money for the completion of the building over the winter and spring, and maybe longer, depending on how much funds we can collect. For walls, a new roof, flooring, plumbing and electric, a heating and cooling unit, and windows and doors, it will cost nearly \$9,000 dollars. That is just the cost for materials--we will need approximately \$2,000 a month for four months (maybe less) of labor, depending on what the Lords does.

We gave Andre and Syergei Silas's and Paul's room so they can stay with us during the colder months. We are now a closer church family! They can stay at the village, again, when we continue building next year, Lord-willing. Syergei is working as a security guard at a complex right now, and Andre is getting ready to sell products for a company soon.

We've been holding services in our apartment, but we found a place (sort of a store front) that we could rent last week for an affordable price. It will take some organization, and we'll need some necessary things, being that it's just an empty room.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

The Wiles Family