

Our January News & Prayer Letter

It was a ripe and crisp 6 below (Fahrenheit) this morning. It's been cold lately, and it's the first time in a long time I really felt like it was cold outside. I mean I haven't been in this kind of weather in almost 15 years. I spent 8 years in the south part of America, and the other seven in the north part where it didn't happen to get very cold during that time. The doors have been frozen up on the van, so I've had to improvise on occasion. The university even closed, surprisingly, due to the severe cold (til Monday). February is known by the locals to be the coldest month in winter, so we'll see.

The renters with whom we were sharing a place to hold services have decided to move to another location for good reasons. Mainly because it's too expensive for them, and too cold. We ended our services early last Sunday and finished them at our apartment because of the conditions there. The renters, who have a small language school for youth, are Tanya and Sasha. They have a small baby named Christina. Tanya has invited Joanna, as a guest, to her house. Tanya speaks English, so Joanna can talk to her about her need for salvation. Please pray for Sasha and Tanya about salvation. Please pray we may find another place to hold services as well.

Please pray for another man named Sasha—he was supposed to come to church but his girlfriends' father died and he got a call from her early Sunday morning about it. He said he's coming this Sunday. He grew up in an orphanage, and told Andre that life is really tough for him right now.

The government here has done some changing to how the visa's of foreigners work. They have gone from a "22-types" visa system to a "3-types" visa system, which (they say) will make it more simplified. This change requires an owner of a foreign passport to *leave* the country in order to apply for a new visa. The question still looming is: how far? If we have to go back to the States, that would be \$4,500USD, just for the tickets. A much cheaper and more desirable route would be Moldova. We were there before and they speak Russian *there*, as well. If we had to find a place to rent, it shouldn't be too expensive. There's another missionary there of like faith—maybe God would have us to go there and try to be a blessing. I really don't know right now; I'm still trying to get all the facts. However, I do know we have to leave the country (to get our new visas), and that we have to be gone 2 and a half months! We made plans for building the church house this summer and for evangelistic endeavors here. I'm disappointed, but maybe it's the Lord's appointment. We will keep updating.

Thank You for Your Prayers and Support,

The Wiles Family