

The Christian Family

Church Planters in Belarus



December 2018

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

We want to thank each one of you who have financially and prayerfully supported us throughout not only this year, but these past fifteen years that we have ministered in the former Soviet Union. We also want to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ

The atmosphere in Belarus around Christmas is much different. There are decorations and Christmas trees, but the Christmas season has no meaning. In fact, the trees and decorations are in celebration of the new year and not Christmas. Jesus is completely left out of their holiday celebrations. People often ask us how we celebrate New Year's Day. This gives us a great opportunity to tell them about the birth of Christ and God's plan to save them. This time of year, the focus our ministry is on Jesus Christ and the purpose of his birth.

Friday night Bible study

We are thankful to God for a faithful group of people who come to our lessons every week. The majority of the people (90%) are not saved. We have been studying the book of Romans verse by verse pointing out that salvation is not a system of works, but solely through Jesus Christ.

People here follow the traditions of the Orthodox church without having any understanding of their meaning or purpose. They follow these traditions because they've been followed for generations. They do not know the meaning or understand the futility of religious tradition. Through our studies in Romans we are able to show them that religious tradition plays no role in salvation.

Adult English course

The fall semester is winding down with only a couple of weeks remaining. The students learn about the Bible at every lesson. They study English for two hours with an hour-long Bible lesson in between the English lessons. Some of Jeff's and Helen's students have visited our Bible study, and a few faithfully attend. Please continue to pray for those we work with to get saved.

Emmanuel Baptist Church

The second floor is almost finished. Pastor Vladimir recently filed the paper work to receive final approval from the building inspector. The inspection was approved, but there are a couple of steps remaining before we receive the final documents. Please pray that all goes smoothly.

For Belarus and beyond,

The Jeff Christian Family

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