

The Christian Family

Church Planters in Belarus



February 2019

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

Several things have taken place over the past month and we would like to share some of them with you.

Emmanuel Baptist Church

We have been working on the final documentation for our building for some time now. The hold up was always the requirement that the building be completely finished in order to receive the official inspection. We challenged that requirement, and discovered that it isn't a written law, only something they required. The requirement was waived, and we now have all needed documentation for the building. We will now pay two thirds less for utilities such as water, gas and electricity. This will be a huge blessing for our budget.

The second floor is still a long way from being completed, but we now have the flexibility to complete things as money permits. The floor plan is complete and all of the walls are in place for all four rooms and the electrical work is done. We need to complete the drywall, paint and lay the flooring. The bathrooms haven't been started so that is still a big job. Would you pray and seek God's direction about helping with the cost of finishing the second floor?

Integration with Russia

There has been talk of Belarus integrating with Russia since Belarus became an independent country in 1991. Belarus has always resisted, but like the rest of Europe it is highly dependent on Russia for its energy needs. Russia has always sold energy to Belarus at a discounted rate, but has recently demanded that Belarus agree to full integration or pay full market price for energy. This would devastate the fragile Belarusian economy. Negotiations continue and the president of Belarus has said that further cooperation is possible, but Belarus will always maintain its independence. Please pray for Belarus during these difficult and uncertain times.

English courses

We recently conducted our semi-annual intensive English course. Over seven hundred students enrolled for the week-long course. The overall numbers are still not available, but of the students I had in my groups, 25 made professions of faith in Christ. Another 40 students said they would be interested in knowing more about Christianity. Please pray that these students start coming to our Friday night Bible study and that we will see spiritual growth and more professions of faith.

For Belarus and Beyond,

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