

The Christian Family

Church Planters in Belarus



December-January 2020

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

We are thankful for God's provision and protection. We arrived in the United States in early January to begin a six-month furlough. We would have liked for it to be longer so that we could have visited all our supporting churches, but that wasn't possible because of restrictions in Belarus. We are required to be in country for no less than 180 days each year. If we were to violate that, we would lose our residency and would have to start over. While we are here for furlough our work in Belarus continues with the help of other missionaries and nationals.

The English ministry

The winter intensive course just wrapped up a week ago. We conduct these courses twice a year and have a great response time. This course was no different as there were over six hundred students that enrolled in the courses. Throughout the week the students heard the Gospel and were given a chance to trust Christ as their Saviour. These courses are conducted to bring students into our English school where the students participate in a Bible lesson as well as learn English. Some students trust Christ and continue to study the Bible in our Bible study.

The political landscape

Russia is pushing Belarus hard to integrate, that is, to become part of Russia. This has been a long-time goal of Russia. The energy contract between the two countries has expired and they're using the threat of higher costs to try to force Belarus to integrate. This is very difficult situation and a crucial time for Belarus. Please pray for this situation.

Friday Bible study

We had a great group for our final Bible before leaving for furlough. Everyone was sad we were leaving, but the Bible study will continue under the direction of one of close friends and fellow missionaries in Belarus. Now that the holidays are past the Bible study will start again. The students are looking forward to it.

For Souls in Belarus,

The Jeff Christian Family

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