

The Christian Family

Church Planters in Belarus



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Dear Pastor and Congregation,

We thank you for your prayers. Our furlough is in full swing and we have enjoyed meeting new friends and getting reacquainted with old friends. The ministry in Belarus continues with the help of our partners there. Vladimir continues to witness and visit in the area of the church, and services are going well. The Bible study continues with the help of a young missionary family that is filling in during our absence. The English school is also continuing, and the classes are full of both returning students and new students. Please pray for students to be saved.

Laws are changing again

One thing you can always count on are changes to the immigration laws in Belarus. The latest change is a negative one for us. We always offer free English as volunteer workers. There was a change that requires every foreigner to work, earn wages and most importantly, pay taxes. This jeopardizes our English school and our ability to stay in Belarus.

The Belarusian director of the English school had a meeting with the top immigration official in the country to discuss our situation. When the official heard that we Americans offer English at no charge, and that we are studying and speaking Russian he was quite impressed. He also promised to help us by changing some of the rules to allow our ministry to continue. Please pray with us that this man will follow through and help us to continue our English ministry.

Ministry after furlough

The Friday Bible study is going well, and many continue to come faithfully. Our prayer is that God will allow us to start a new church from this group when we return to Belarus in July of this year. There is a great need for another church, because there are currently no active church plants in Minsk and there is only one Independent Baptist church the entire city. One Baptist church in a city of two million. We ask that you to make this a matter of prayer over the next few months.

We thank God for your financial and prayer support. Through your faithfulness many Belarusians will have the opportunity to trust Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

For Souls in Belarus,

The Jeff Christian Family

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